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DEATH STALKS WITH POVERTY IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.
The numbers of abandoned dead Chinese bodies in Shanghai increase by leaps and bounds, many being daily picked up by the Public Health Department.

Bodies are being dumped in streets, alleyways, vacant grounds, compounds and gardens by those connected with the deceased.

Although normally several hundreds of corpses are abandoned each month within the Settlement limits, the number now is out of all proportion.

MOSTLY CHILDREN

Fortunately, owing to the cold weather, they are not presenting a serious health problem.

The dead are refugees, beggars and poor people generally. A large proportion are children, victims of measles, dysentery and other infectious diseases.

Most of the dead are discovered in a decomposed state.—*Reuter.*

HANKOW'S A.A. DEFENCE SHOWS EFFICIENCY

Hankow, To-day.

Another attempted air raid by Japanese planes on Hankow this morning revealed how remarkably the air defences of the city have been improved in the last week.

No sooner had the planes appeared, in a group of nine, when they were compelled to scatter by a concentrated fire which seemed to come from all parts of the city at once. The miracle of the affair was that none of the invaders were hit, but the gunnery was sufficiently effective to compel the airmen to consider only their own safety and no

MOLESTATION AND MURDER CONTINUE UNRESTRAINED

(The following message has been received by Reuter from Shanghai by steamer, the first message having been censored by the Japanese military in the cable offices in Shanghai on January 21.)—The message reads:

"A leading article in this morning's 'North China Daily News' states: On Christmas Day this journal had occasion to refer to scenes of horror perpetrated in Nanking after its occupation by Japanese forces.

"It was believed then that the outrageous behaviour of the Japanese troops was a result of temporary indiscipline and the influence of the blood lust roused by the heat of battle, and it was hoped that order would be rapidly restored and the civilian population of Nanking relieved from the horrors they were suffering.

"It was even suggested in some quarters that the Japanese were taking revenge for the outrages of 1927.

"It is learned with astonishment, however, that these outrages have been continued, and that ever since the occupation of Nanking until to-day, the abduction of women, rape and looting have been carried on with an industry which would do justice to a more praiseworthy cause.

10,000 MURDERS.

"Numbers of Chinese have been stabbed with bayonets or recklessly shot, and it is estimated that more than 10,000 people have been killed, some of them not even guilty of the trivial offence of having the hardihood to fight for their country.

"This journal does not believe, and never has believed, that these things occur by reason of any set purpose of the Japanese High Command, and prefers to think that these must deeply deplore what is happening as does any right-thinking man, but that does not relieve the Japanese commanders of the imperative duty of

bombs were dropped.

Anti-aircraft batteries have now been installed on the roofs of scores of prominent buildings, and are particularly well concentrated along the waterfront.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

DR. KUNG'S MESSAGE TO UNITED STATES

Hankow, To-day.

The Chinese Government has addressed a message to the United States Government expressing warm appreciation of the campaign by the American Red Cross, with President Roosevelt's support, to raise funds for relief of Chinese sufferers from the hostilities.

Dr. H. Kung, President of the Executive Yuan, has sent a message through the United States Embassy expressing thanks to President Roosevelt for his appeal to the American people to help Chinese civilian victims of the war.

Dr. Kung states: "The expression of the American humanitarian spirit and traditional friendship for China at the first hour of our national trial and tribulation, is deeply appreciated, and will be gratefully remembered by us."—*Reuter.*

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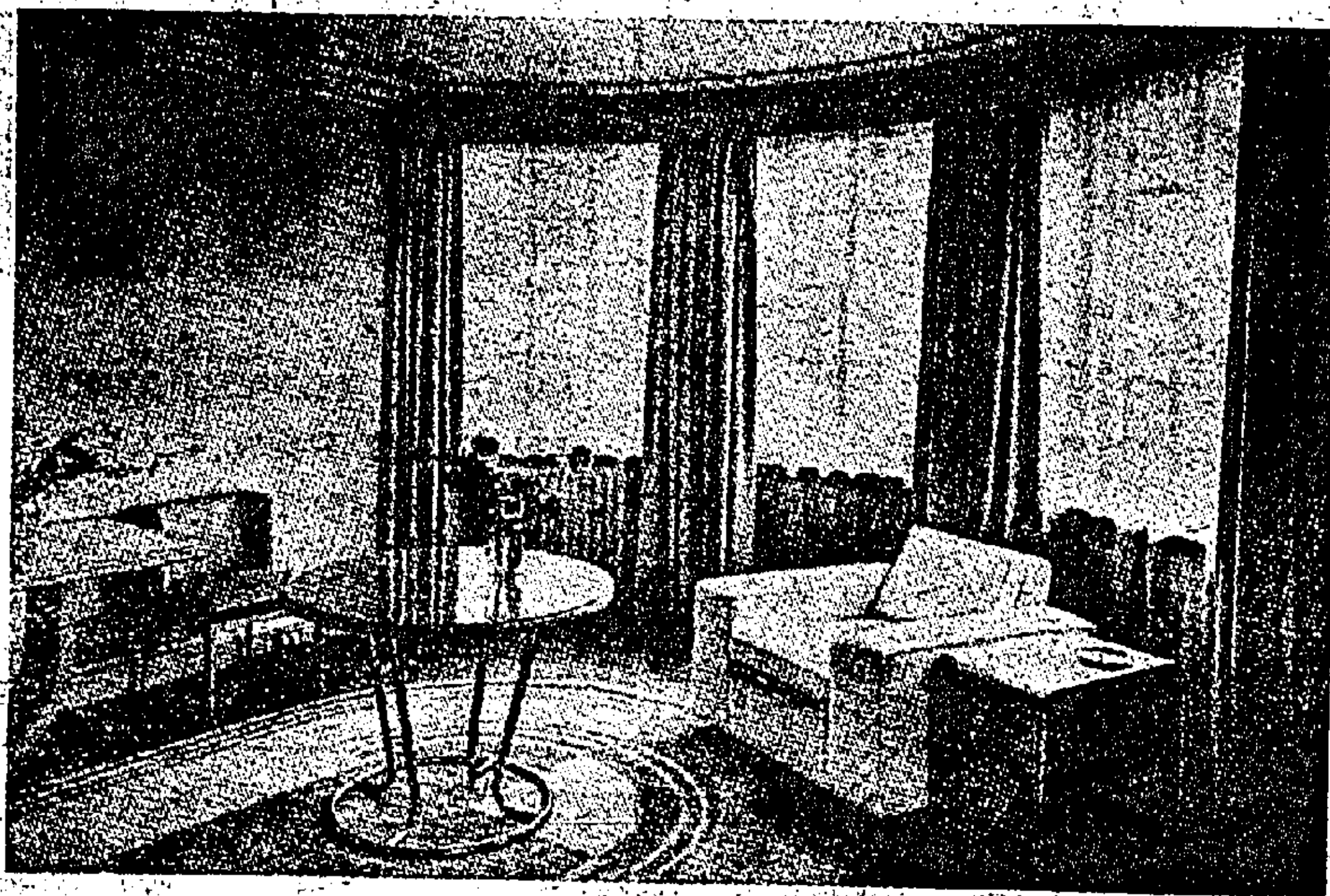
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Colourful Simplicity In The Home



The curtains at this bay window are of maize-coloured spun satin; the walls carry on the colour unity in yellow-fawn. The easy chair is upholstered in white, and the green glass-topped table has a chromium frame and legs.

There was once a cynical writer who gave this advice to a young beginner: "If you have written a line that pleases you, cut it out!"

Which sounds not merely discouraging, but ridiculous.

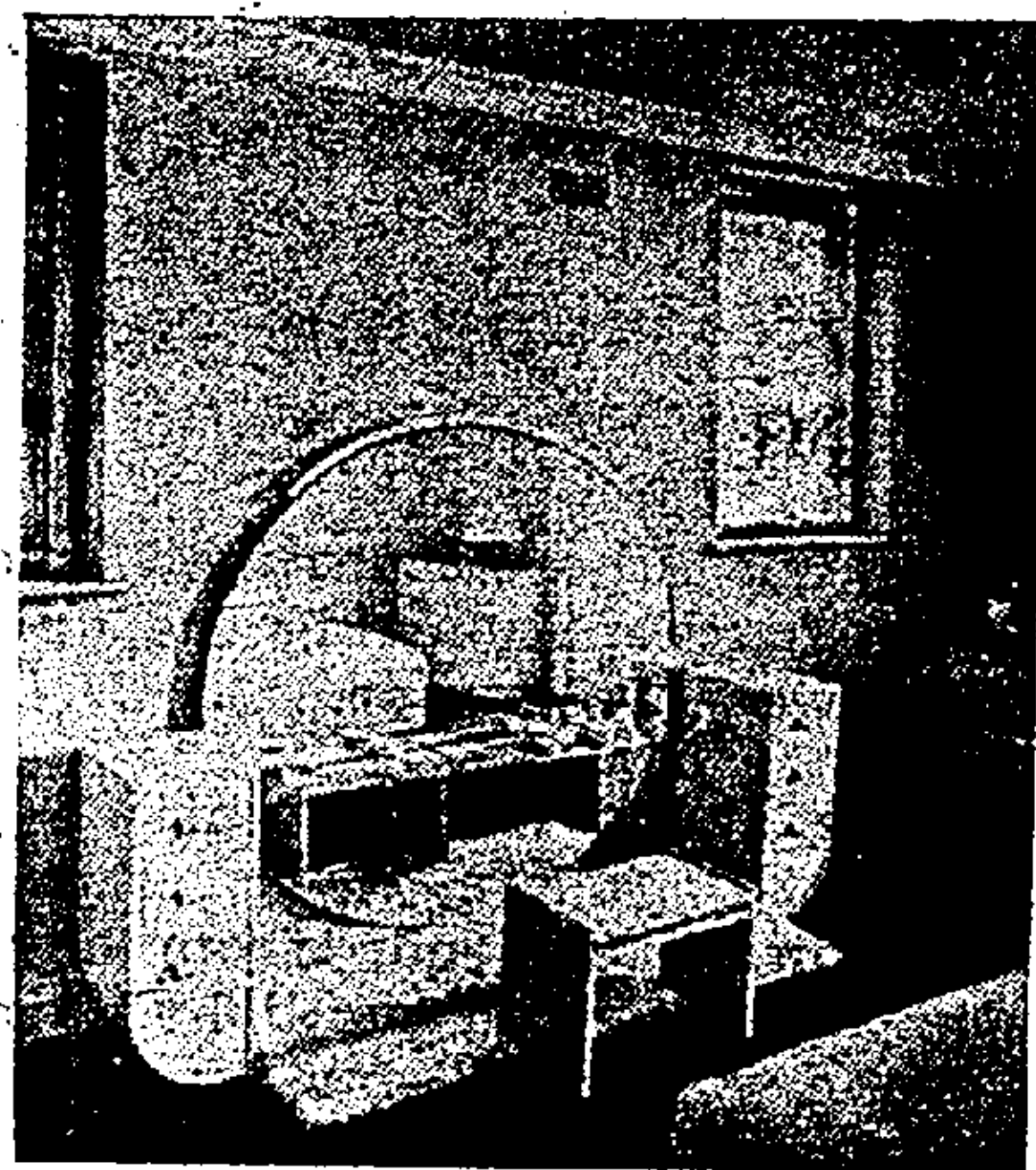
It does, however, make a point in favour of omission. Omission is in itself an art. How? Take, for example, the houses and homes of to-day—not by any means the most expensive or luxurious homes; those whose owners have consulted up-to-date builders and designers as to the practical equipment of their rooms.

For the cry "I hate those modern rooms and modern furniture" is now hushed in the land. Once the word "modern" used in this regard suggested every exaggeration of colour and design; ugly, uncomfortable steel chairs, cubist angles, over-bright paint—the kind of room which you might see at an exhibition, murmuring affrightedly, "I should hate to have to live in it." Now, on their own showing, the designers and decorators of to-day are expressing a totally different mood. They are as much concerned with streamline efficiency as the makers of modern cars. They are producing simple, practical rooms and furnishings which achieve beauty by their function.

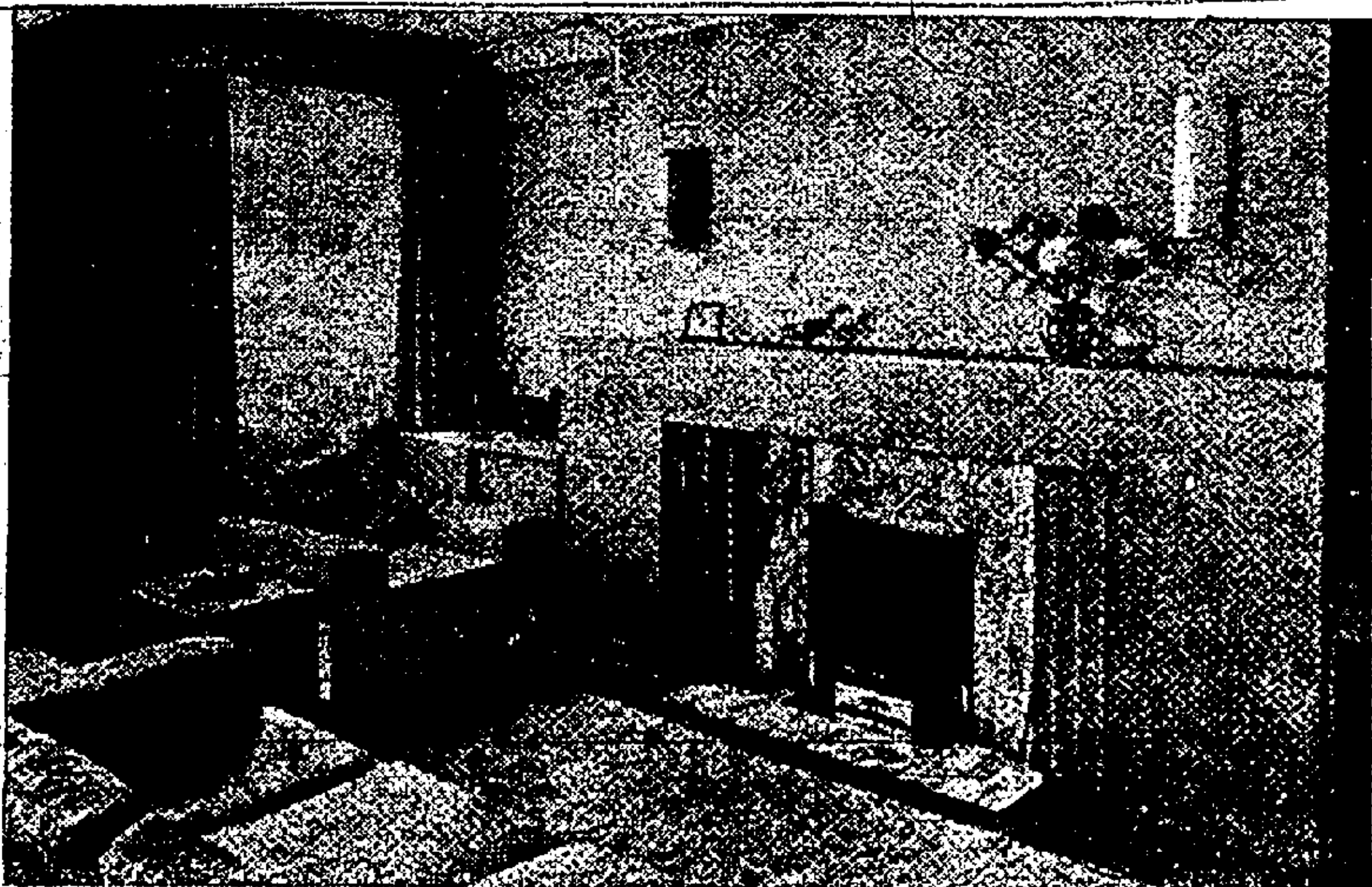
Not only do they believe in eliminating all unnecessary ornament and abolishing the over-elaborate details of another period (if you look at a living-room photographed only ten years ago you can see how the whole picture has the

appearance of "too many things" about it), but they will have none of the merely startling modernities. Steel chairs of freakish design are to their mind not only hideous but uncomfortable; armchairs, with their roomy seats, broad arms and low backs, are planned for comfort with the greatest simplicity of line. And they accord perfectly with enthusiasm for space as a necessary feature of the modern room. Built-in cupboards and bookshelves, unobtrusive lighting effects and plain patternless materials all have their share in this effect of space.

In the accompanying photographs you may see how perfectly these ideas are carried out. If you yourself are planning any redecoration for this spring you can learn some valuable hints from the art



In the bedroom. The dressing-table is cellulosed in cream colour, as are the cupboards. The curtains are of stretched cellophane, and the bedspread of finecorded cream silk. A carpet of dark blue and a pale blue wallpaper with a white dot complete the scheme. The rug is of natural lambskin.



Cupboard, and fireplace flintment alike are of natural sycamore, and the upholstery of the comfortable, wide armed modern chair is in white.

of omission. Perhaps you have a small dining-room. Has it ever occurred to you that the problem of seating at the table is made a simple matter by running a wooden form along two or three walls, and setting the table within reach of it, instead of in the middle of the room with the necessary chairs taking up unnecessary space? A really attractive idea which can be carried out simply and inexpensively. The paint upon the form and the cushion padding should, of course, harmonise with the colours of your room.

This is only one of the many suggestions for beautifying and simplifying your own home, which can be found by studying photographs of the most modern ideas in decoration. You will catch the quick impression of a room that

is a background, of freedom in line and space, of practical equipment and comfort.

The dressing-table photographed on this page will show you how easily a mirror set against the wall, and the simplest of glass shelves can give the modern effect without any elaboration whatsoever, while the plain, straight-hanging curtains and narrow pelmet, in the room illustrated, follow perfectly the lines of room and window.

Beside the armchair, the table that holds ash-trays, books or a vase of flowers is the last degree of simple. The same may be observed of the low bookshelves shown above. Everywhere there is space, beauty and comfort—in three words, the modern purpose.

The Housewives' Notebook

A GOOD polish for mahogany is made of equal parts of linseed oil, paraffin oil, and vinegar, and one tablespoon of methylated spirits. Rub in sparingly and polish with a soft cloth. For oak, use linseed oil. For enamel, use turpentine and water.

TO clean copper articles which are very soiled, use equal parts of salt and vinegar. After this, rinse in warm water to remove any acid and give a final polish with a soft cloth.

AFTER you have peeled vegetables which have stained your hands, such as potatoes, onions, etc., rub your hands with lemon juice, and you will find that the stains have quite disappeared.

WOODEN spoons are better for all cooking purposes, with the exception of making curry. Curry penetrates the wood and renders the spoon unfit for other mixing.

TO frost a window, make a strong mixture of vinegar and epsom salts and paint the glass with a cloth dipped in the solution.

WHEN ingrained, some ink stains are stubborn; when fresh, they can easily be removed, especially if you use milk, fresh or sour. For an old ink-stain, dissolve some oxalic acid in boiling water and immerse the stained part in the solution. Iron mould will yield to the same treatment. Do not use oxalic acid for coloured things, as it is too strong, and will fade the colour.

STARCH has many uses. If you powder it, it is an excellent silver-cleaner. It will remove stains from wallpaper when nothing else will. A lump of starch added to the water when washing the windows will remove the dirt quickly. Also, it is good for insect bites.

CLEAN coffee grounds, like tea-leaves, may be used for sweeping floors, to prevent the dust rising. Damp paper, torn into shreds, may also be used for the same purpose.

BEETLES, cockroaches, and other pests may be quite cleared away by the use of borax. Sprinkle it round the kitchen and pantry, and renew it every few days; the insects will disappear in a week.

Test Questions For Students Of Dress

A Fashion Examination Paper

IF I set you an examination paper on this season's fashions, do you think you would pass it with flying colours or not? In this examination paper you would be asked to answer the following questions:

1. (a) Which do you consider the more fashionable, the tall hat or the flat hat? (b) Describe the general trend of hat lines. (c) Indicate the materials and form of trimming most popular at the moment.
2. (a) Describe in detail the main features of this season's day and evening silhouette. (b) What type of drapery is used for both evening and afternoon models? (c) Which material lends itself best to this drapery?
3. How can you tell this season's clothes from those of other seasons?
4. (a) Compare the new materials with those of previous seasons. (b) Make a note of any material which still retains its popularity from previous collections. Indicate why.
5. List the outstanding features of the present-day coats, jackets, and capes.
6. List the most fashionable of this season's colours and name the colour which has caused the most sensation.

If your intention is to crib, at this point you should certainly look at the illustrations which together with your personal observations during the season will provide the following answers:

1. (a) It is a curious fact that if a season starts with high hats—and this is the way the majority of seasons do start—the tendency will be towards flatter hats as the season progresses. Hat fashions, which were high a few months ago, have become flatter and flatter as the winter advances, as in sketch No. 3. One of the newest models is the turban draped tightly round the head with scarf ends in the manner you see sketched in No. 2.

(b) The lines tend to drop low and flat at the back of the head, high at the side, varying at the front.

(c) Jersey and crepes are used for draped turbans, felt and petersham mixtures for everyday hats, and tulle and sequins for the evening.

2. (a) This season's day and evening silhouette is notable for the way in which the material is draped in order to accentuate the line from bust to hip. This same fitting line is used for day dresses, evening dresses, tunics and jumpers.

(b) The drapery used for afternoon and evening silhouette is shown in sketch No. 4, which is draped vertically from the shoulders to the waist. This form of drapery accentuates the bustline in an afternoon model and can be adapted in several different ways for day clothes.

(c) The fine silk matt surface jerseys introduced some months ago, lend themselves particularly well to this type of drapery.

3. There are several ways of recognising this season's models. First, the neck-line, which is innocent of bows. There is the severe collar-band of the same material of the dress, or the front drapery mounting high up and concealing part of the throat, or the neck-line that, if left completely alone, is as in sketch No. 4. The sleeves are either as in sketch or long and tight, or reach the wrist and are cut straight and wide. The tightly draped waists of both day and evening dresses and the look and feel of the material all date the model as being brand new.

4. (a) The soft, flat, surfaced, matt-looking materials of this season have, in most cases, superseded the nobby, bold weaves of last season. Flat-surfaced, plain-woven tweeds, duvetens, velvets as soft as suede, face-cloth, broad-cloth, and angora materials are all used for day clothes.



For full evening the richest silver, gold and coloured metal materials are popular, and so are rich satins, plain coloured chiffons and all the heavy crepes.

(b) The fine jerseys, soft and thick as heavy crepe de Chine, have retained their popularity. They were introduced some time ago by one Paris house and have now been adopted by every fashion house, as they drape so well.

5. Jackets may be tight-fitting and single-breasted, boxy and double-breasted as in sketch No. 1 or knee-length. The most notable feature is the enormous pockets, three down each side of the jacket, usually slit and placed at an angle. Mid-season capes are waistlength and more voluminous than heretofore. Coats still swing out at the back.

6. Fashionable colours are the whole range of brown, from tan to blackish-brown. Some are mixed with black or worn with yellow. Any amount of black is worn. For evening: Bright mauve and gun-metal blue are much used. The most sensational colour has been the brilliant shocking-pink.

EGGSHELLS crushed into small pieces and put into a muslin bag, boiled up with the clothes on washing day, will keep the clothes beautifully white. This is a simple method of introducing lime into the wash-tub, which is always a cleansing agent, if used in the correct proportions.

little tricks .

TURPENTINE, mixed with warm milk, rubbed well on oilcloth, will make it like new.

TO peel hot beetroot, plunge them into cold water, and the skins will peel off like a glove.

TO remove splashes of white-wash or distemper from the walls, use a few drops of hot vinegar.

BEFORE wearing kid gloves that are new, place them in the folds of a slightly damp towel and leave for an hour. The gloves are thus softened, and give easily to the shape of the hand.

Are You Short Tempered?

Do you lose your temper easily?—a broken shoe-lace, a missing button, can be most aggravating, especially if you are in a hurry, but if you lose your temper over such trivial matters it is very probable that your system is upset through constipation, and if such is the case, all that is usually needed quickly to set matters right is a dose of Pinkettes.

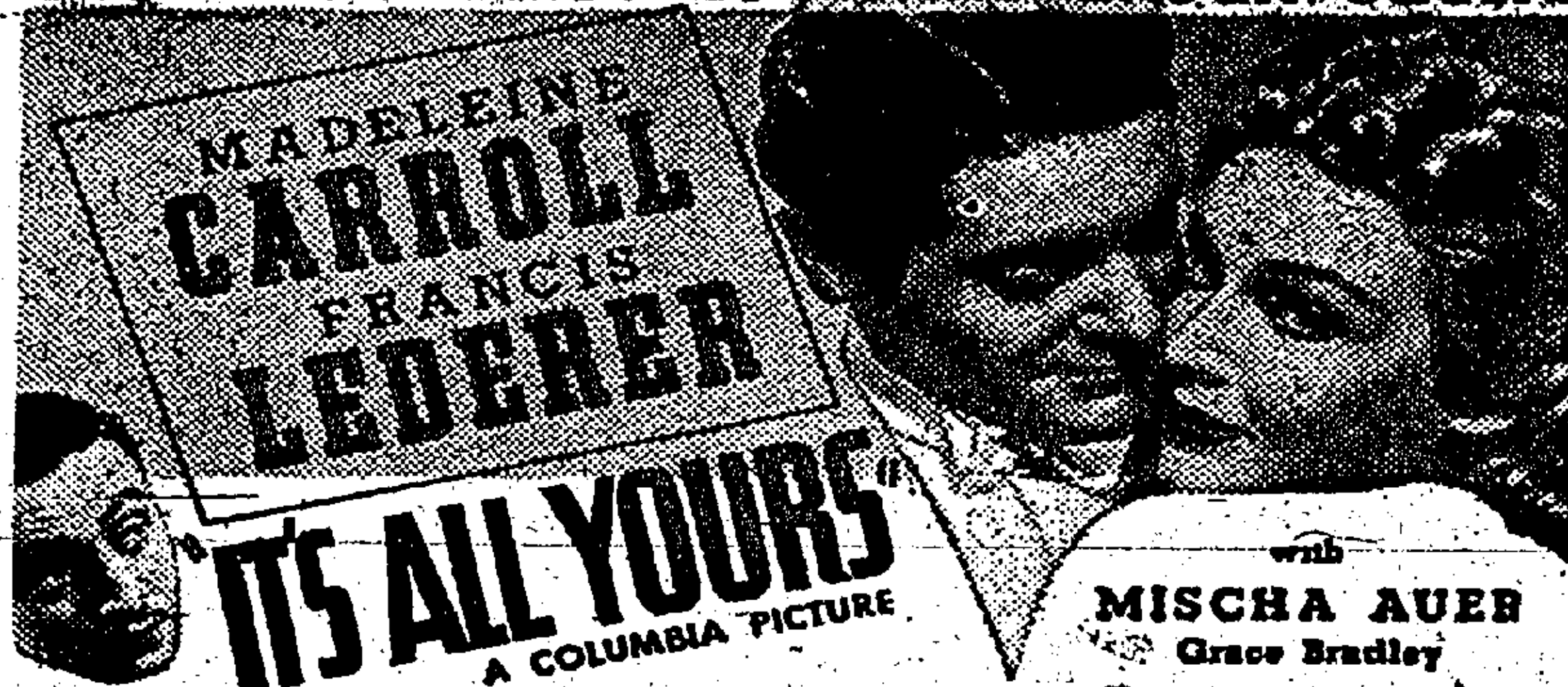
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Japan Begins To Get Worried Over China "Pleasantries"

Shanghai, To-day.

Threatening to punish all infractions "without mercy," the Japanese military, naval and diplomatic authorities have appealed to Japanese nationals to take no action tending to "besmirch the good name of Japan and her armed forces."

Recounting various crimes committed by Japanese civilians masquerading as military and civilian officials, or even as newspapermen, the statement emphasises that these offences have tended to defeat the objectives of Japan's national policy in China.

It is stated that these activities are "arousing the enmity of the Chinese."

"Such action on the part of a few Japanese react unfavourably on Japan's good name, and hamper the peaceful and legal activities of Japanese residents here, and will end in defeat of the great objective of the Japanese expeditionary force."

The declaration emphasises that this goal is the overthrow of the former Nanking Government.

It is added that the Japanese army desires to assure the Chinese people as a whole of peace and not to regard it as Japan's enemy.—
Reuter.

CHINESE MEETING LOAN DUES

Shanghai, To-day.

The Chinese Government is meeting the semi-annual service of consolidated domestic loans, commencing on Jan. 29, and totalling \$51,175,000 in principle and interest.

Payment is being made in wei wai (transfer money) which at present can easily be cashed on the market at a small discount.—
Reuter.

MR. SUN FO'S "KNOWLEDGE SEEKING TRIP"

Hankow, To-day.

Commenting on recent rumours in connection with the trip to Europe of Mr. Sun Fo, a Chinese spokesman stated yesterday that Mr. Sun Fo had recently toured various cities of Europe, "to improve our knowledge of conditions in Europe."

Rumours that he was negotiating an agreement with Moscow or concerning Outer Mongolia, were entirely without foundation.

The rumour that Mr. Sun Fo was being appointed Ambassador to Moscow, was also unfounded.

His present post as President of the Legislative Yuan was important, and his duties would not permit his lengthy absence from China.—
Reuter.

R.A. GUNNER'S HEROISM IN TYPHOON

A pleasing small ceremony took place this morning in the private office of Messrs. Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co., agents of the British India Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., on the occasion of the presentation of a watch to Gunner H. V. Ockwell, R. A., from the B. I. S. N. Co., Ltd., in recognition of services rendered in connection with the stranding of the s.s. "Talamba" during the Typhoon of the 2nd September last.

In making the presentation, the Hon. Mr. M. T. Johnson, resident partner of Messrs. Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co., said:—

"Gunner Ockwell: During the Typhoon which passed over this Colony in the early hours of the 2nd September last when the "Talamba" was blown from her anchorage in Junk Bay and grounded in Lyeemun Pass, you at great risk to yourself, swam off to the ship in a dangerously rough sea in an attempt to convey a line from the shore. In recognition of your gallant action I have been instructed by the Directors of the British India Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., to tender to you the thanks of the Company and, as concrete evidence of their appreciation, to present to you this watch. I have great pleasure in making the presentation."

Gunner Ockwell having suitably replied adjournment was made to the firm's messroom for refreshments.

Those present included Captain D. J. Sinclair of the s.s. "Talamba," Mr. F. A. Spencely, Chief Officer, Gunner R. Ford and Messrs T. G. S. Alexander, D. W. MacEwen and A. W. Hay-Edie.

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RESISTANCE TO GO ON REGARDLESS OF COST

Chungking, To-day.

Speaking at the weekly memorial service, President Lin Sen declared that in resisting the Japanese invasion, China was fighting not only for preservation of her national existence and honour but also for maintenance of world peace and promotion of human welfare.

He declared that in refusing to recognise the legitimate National Government and in announcing her readiness to negotiate with the "puppet regime created by herself, Japan admits before the entire world her inability to overcome China's determined campaign of resistance.

"It is also clear that henceforth the policy of the Japanese Government will be to utilise Chinese puppets for annexation of China.

REGARDLESS OF SACRIFICE

"This fact, however, will only rouse the Chinese people to redouble their efforts for prosecution of the campaign of resistance."

President Lin Sen urged his colleagues and the people generally to fulfil their duty to the country and the world by redoubling efforts for continuing the campaign of resistance regardless of sacrifices involved.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S INDEMNITY DEMANDS

Tokyo, To-day.

Japan's demands for a war indemnity against China included "not only all reparations demanded by the victor" but also indemnification for losses suffered by Japanese in China, declared the Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, replying to a question regarding details of the four-point peace terms recently communicated to the National Government through German good offices.

The Finance Minister, Mr. Kaya, said that the necessity of increasing or reducing the gold cover of the Bank of Japan was not being felt now.

Should gold shipments abroad become necessary, newly mined gold would be used for the purpose.—Reuter.

VERNACULAR PAPERS TAKE LONG HOLIDAY

All the Colony's vernacular newspapers, both morning and evening, have, suspended publication as from to-day in connection with the Chinese New Year holidays.

The papers will be on the streets on Tuesday.

Owing to the demand for war news, however, the papers are combining to issue daily a news bulletin in the forenoon. This publication is to be called the "Hong Kong United Chinese Press Bulletin" and the proceeds from the sale of this four-day news-sheet will be converted into China Salvation Bonds.

REFUGEES IN CANTON

Canton, To-day.

Chinese sources state that there are over 1,000 refugees in Canton from the war-torn areas in Shanghai, Nanking and Hangchow.

A small number who have their homes in Kwangtung have gone back there, but those less fortunate are being given temporary quarters in four Government refugee homes in Honam.—Reuter.

SUN YAT SEN UNIVERSITY

Canton, To-day.

Despite recent bombing in the vicinity of Shekpi, Sun Yat-sen University, contrary to previous plans, has decided not to move to Loting.

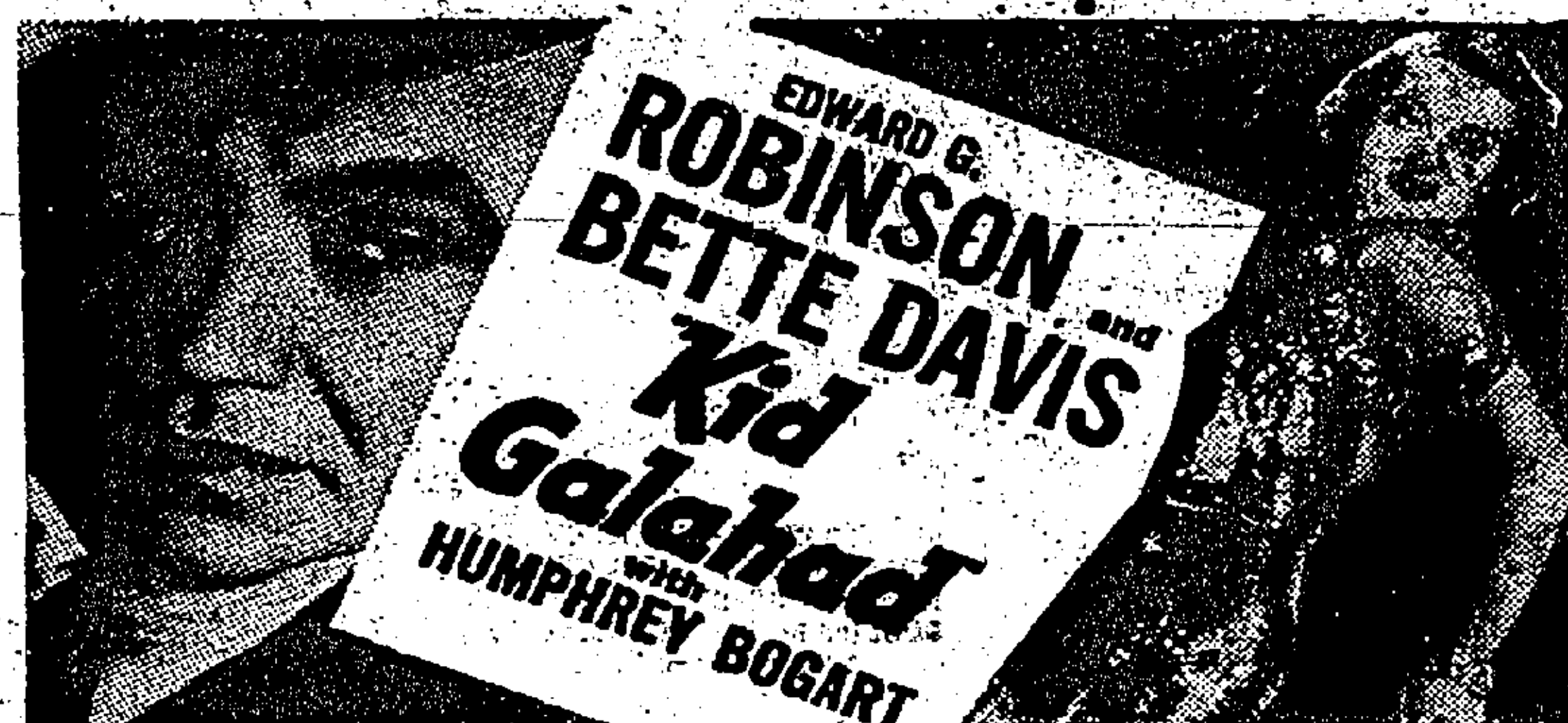
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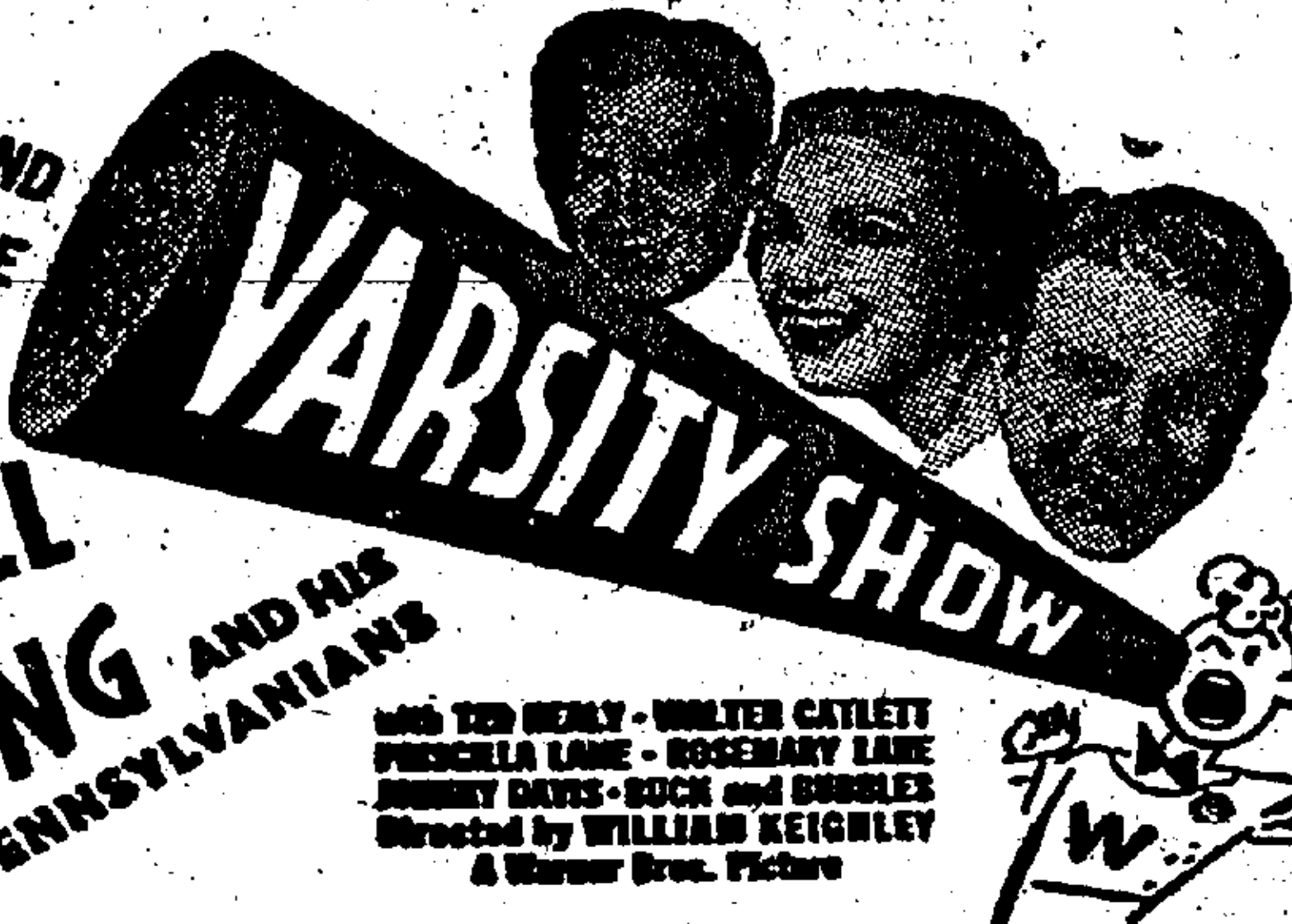
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JAPANESE ATTACK REPULSED

Hsuehchow, To-day.

The Japanese troops at Mingkiang made two attempts last night to cross the river but were driven off by Chinese machine-gun fire from the opposite bank. The opposing forces are now exchanging

artillery fire across the river. — Hua Nan.

Mrs. Murray, of No. 14, The Peak, lost her hand bag containing \$74, while shopping at the Colonial Dispensary yesterday.

Mr. B. G. Birch of No. 6, The Peak, lost money and jewellery to the value of \$60 from his residence last night.

IMPORTANT MILESTONE BUT DOES BRITAIN WELCOME REPORT

London, To-day.

Although no official comment on the Van Zeeland Report has been forthcoming, general opinion seems to be that the document represents an important milestone on the way to solution, or at least relieving, of the international situation. There is no doubt that much of the contents of the Report is not welcome to the British Government, in spite of the fact that M. van Zeeland, after his conference with Mr. Neville Chamberlain at the beginning of January made extensive alterations in his original draft.

British influence is believed to be evident in the paragraph dealing with the colonial problem, which although cautiously phrased, nevertheless conforms with the British attitude.

Interesting in this connection is M. van Zeeland's suggestion that guarantees be given against confiscation of private property in colonial possessions in the event of a future war.

POLITICAL TENSION

It is believed in some quarters that the British Government has not looked on publication of the Report with pleasure, and that if the decision had rested with the British Government, the Report would never have been published.

Since the Report has been published, Britain will have to express its attitude.

That the British public will see in the proposals, the possibility of bringing about relaxation of political tension in Europe is certain, and the Government will therefore be compelled to take this fact into consideration in drafting its answer or possible counter-proposals. —Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH STATEMENT

A British Wireless message recalls that in the tripartite monetary declaration of September, 1936, the British, French and American Governments stated that they were "convinced that the success of the policy outset in the declaration was linked with the development of international trade and that in particular they attached the greatest importance to the action being taken without delay to relax progressively the present system of quotas and exchange controls with a view to their abolition."

In the months following the declaration, certain measures were taken by a number of Governments but by the Spring of last year it was felt an organised effort was required to secure progress on a broader front and M. Van Zeeland, who was then Prime Minister of Belgium was invited by French and British Governments to undertake a mission of inquiry.

PUBLIC SPIRIT

He was assisted by Monsieur Frere and both of them made several journeys in the course of which they consulted leading financial and economic authorities in various countries.

The public spirit of M. van Zeeland and his collaborator in de-

voting so much time and energy to the task has been widely recognised and praised in Great Britain and has been gratefully acknowledged on several occasions by British Ministers.

It will be recalled that M. van Zeeland came to London at the beginning of the year and discussed his report with the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain. It was made clear at that time that the discussions were for the purpose of assisting M. van Zeeland in completing his Report and were not of a character to commit the United Kingdom Government to acceptance of any proposals which it might contain.

NOT COMMITTED

In the Commons, before adjournment for Christmas, Mr. Chamberlain indicated the interest with which the Government awaited M. van Zeeland's suggestions in the scope they would contribute to the promotion of that international collaboration in the economic and financial field to which British policy has always been firmly attached. —British Wireless.

TRAGIC DEATH OF AMERICAN POLITICIAN

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt's Message to Congress on naval expansion has been delayed until to-day, according to Mr. Bankhead, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Reason is that the House is adjourning as a mark of respect to Representative E. A. Kenney, who fell to his death in the night from the sixth floor of his bedroom window in a Washington hotel. —Reuter.

FRESH, FAIR

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has decreased in intensity and is probably moving eastward; pressure is apparently highest over the Yellow Sea.

Local forecast:—E winds, fresh; fair.

The forthcoming marriage between Warder Ernest Goddard, of Stanley Gaol, and Miss Annie Frances Lam, of No. 144E, Gloucester Road, Wanchai, has been announced.

M. VAN ZEELAND RECOMMENDS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Report Of Economic Investigation Now Published

LITTLE READINESS FOR PRACTICAL AID FOUND IN TOUR

London, To-day.

Weighty suggestions are made by M. Paul van Zeeland, former Belgian Premier, in his Report presented to the British and French Governments as a result of his "enquiry into the possibility of obtaining general reductions in quotas and other obstacles to international trade."

In the course of his investigations since last April, Mr. van Zeeland has visited the principal Central European and Western European countries.

At the outset of the Report, he unhesitatingly favours international economic collaboration as a better objective than autarchy.

He declares that no country can avoid being influenced by the general movements of international economy, whether for good or for evil.

Theoretically, autarchy is not unattainable, but it is evidently out of the question except in a large national market dominated by an exceptionally powerful central authority.

AUTARCHY'S EFFECT

M. van Zeeland holds that autarchy involves an increase in the real cost of living and a lowering of the standard of life.

Although M. van Zeeland found that all countries displayed great interest in his mission in principle, this attitude almost everywhere became qualified by a marked reserve in regard to embarking on practical action.

Dealing with tariffs, and in view of the act that a general movement for reduction is outside the range of possibility, M. van Zeeland thinks that the Government might undertake not to raise and widen the present range, and gradually reduce duties of an exceptional character.

RAW MATERIALS

He proposes suppression of all duties and restrictions affecting export of raw materials. One of the most efficacious methods of reducing tariff barriers is negotiation of bilateral commercial agreement based on the most-favoured nation clause.

But application of this clause should be exercised in the spirit originally inspiring it.

Formidable hindrances to international trade include indirect protection by a series of restrictive regulations. Best-known example is abuse of sanitary regulations in order completely to close the home market against various products, also the framing of resolutions which really aim at some individual producer, as well as abuse of dumping measures.

QUOTAS

M. van Zeeland here again advocates a bilateral agreement and reference to arbitral bodies in case of complaints.

Quotas are described as one of the most formidable obstacles to international trade.

Gradual suppression of industrial quotas are recommended but there might be higher tariffs for quantities after the first quota is exhausted.

Suppression of quotas does not imply suppression of international cartels.

No obstacles to international trade are more harmful and more formidable than from monetary disturbances or restrictions arising from transfer of capital or commercial payments.

GOLD STANDARD

Ruling out the present practicability of re-establishment of the gold standard (though on a considerably altered basis) as solution of the problem of an international monetary standard, he suggests interim solutions in revision and extension of the Anglo-Franco-American tripartite declaration.

The parties would define reciprocal parities of their currencies, and would pledge themselves to keep eventual variations within certain limits for at least six months.

He favours abolition of exchange controls and clearing by stages.

CURRENCY RESTRICTION

First and most urgent step is suppression of restrictions on payment for merchandise.

With reference to liquidation of past arrears, it is desirable that bonds issued by debtor states be expressed in the creditors' currency.

Current arrears should be treated in the same way as new debts. Countries freed from restrictions would require trade credit facilities which might be arranged through the Bank of International Settlements.

POLITICAL ISSUE

The concluding part of M. van Zeeland's Report finds it impossible to ignore the fact that he is working in the shadow of unsolved political problems, including armaments.

He finally recommends a preliminary conference of the principal economic powers, who would be asked if they agreed to participate

RETURNING TO SHANGHAI

London, To-day.

Wing Commander Kerby, British air attache at Shanghai, is returning to Shanghai to resume duties after a short visit to London. —Reuter.

in an attempt at international economic collaboration, and if they accepted the main lines of this Report as basis of discussion.

Next stage would be appointment of a bureau which would receive information and representations from all states, and would draw up a programme of constructive action.

BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE

If the interested parties took up a favourable attitude, the bureau would draw up a pact.

It is understood that the British Government is prepared to play a part in practical action on the lines suggested in the Report if other countries are ready to join in. —Reuter.

DANISH PRINCE IN MISHAP

Copenhagen, Jan. 27.

Prince Frederick of Denmark had a narrow escape when his motor car, driven by himself, collided with a car belonging to a local tradesman. The Prince's car was only slightly damaged while the other vehicle was completely wrecked. No person was injured. —Trans-Ocean.

AUSTRALIA TAKEN OFF "BLACK LIST"

Washington, To-day.

Paving the way for ultimate conclusion of an Australo-American trade pact, Australia was yesterday removed from the "Black List" of nations ineligible for most favoured nation treatment by the United States.

The United States Consul-General at Sydney has notified the Australian Government that following Australia's decision to abolish import restrictions on American goods, Australian products henceforth will enter the United States under most favoured nation treatment. —Reuter.

HUMBERT WOLFE PROMOTED

London, To-day.

It is announced that Mr. Humbert Wolfe of the Ministry of Labour, who has more than once represented the United Kingdom at international conferences under the League's International Labour Organisation, has been appointed Deputy Secretary of the Ministry to succeed Mr. J. F. G. Price on the latter's retirement at the end of March.

Mr. Wolfe has also an international reputation as a poet, essayist and critic. —British-Wireless.

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JAPANESE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST EMBASSY OFFICIAL

"Insolent Attitude" In Allison Case At Nanking

MOUNTAINEERS REFUSED KASHMIR PERMIT

New Delhi, To-day.

The Kashmir Government has refused permission for a German mountaineering expedition, led by Paul Bauer, which had planned to attempt to scale Nanga Parbat, to pass through Kashmir.

Reason is that Kashmir only allows one expedition yearly and permission has already been granted to an American expedition to climb Karakoram.—Reuter.

BY-ELECTION RESULT

London, To-day.

Result of the polling in the Farnworth division of Lancashire, in the by-election caused by the death of the Labour M.P., Mr. Guy Rowson, was declared last night, revealing an easy victory for the Labour candidate.

The result was:
G. Tomlinson (Lab.) 24,298
H.F. Ryan (Cons.) 16,835
Mr. Tomlinson increased the Labour poll by more than 2,000 votes. The Conservative vote was practically the same as at the general election.—Reuter.

STATE DEPARTMENT AWAITING AN OFFICIAL REPORT

Shanghai, To-day.

In connection with the incident in which Mr. John B. Allison, Third Secretary of the United States Embassy at Nanking, was assaulted on Wednesday by a Japanese sentry, a Japanese army spokesman stated last night that Mr. Allison was slapped on the face by the sentry when he failed to comply with repeated requests to leave the grounds of a Chinese house which was occupied by Japanese soldiers.

Mr. Allison visited the premises with Japanese gendarmes in order to conduct an investigation.



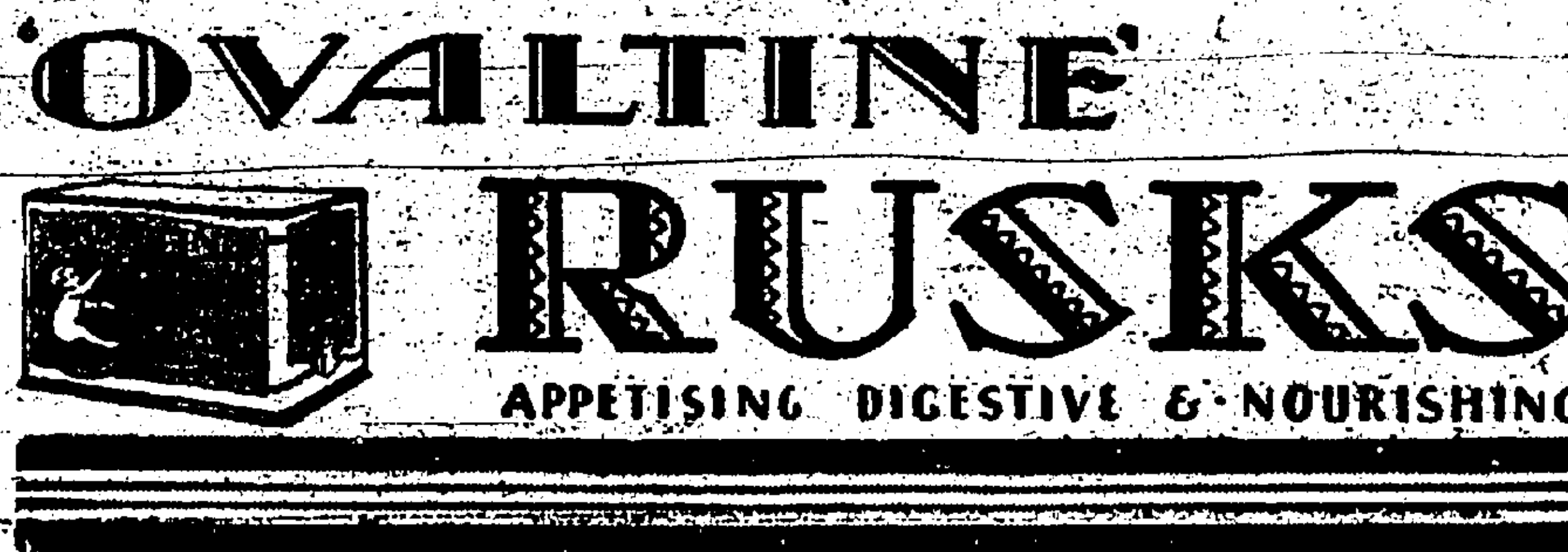
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GOVERNMENT FINANCE DEPT REORGANISED

Reorganisation of the financial departments of the Hong Kong Government has been completed with the appointments announced in the "Government Gazette" of January 21. The step has been taken in common with all Colonial Governments as the result of Colonial Office proposals made public last year.

These proposals involved the substitution of a post of Financial Secretary for that of Colonial Treasurer and the devolution to other officers, under his general supervision, of the detailed control of various departments for which the Colonial Treasurer was formerly responsible.

Full and final control of all financial matters now rests with the Financial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. Sydney Caine, who is an ex-officio member of both the Executive and Legislative Councils.

THREE DEPARTMENTS

The Colonial Treasury has now been divided into three separate Departments. Direct charge of the Accountant-General, a newly-created post to which Mr. Thomas Black, formerly Treasury accountant, has been appointed.

The Assessor's Office, previously a Treasury sub-department under the Colonial Treasurer who was also Government Assessor, has now been constituted into an independent department. The first Assessor is Mr. Julius Ring, who was formerly First Assistant Assessor.

The other important change is the placing of control of Estate Duty, Stamps and various minor sources of revenue under a Superintendent of Inland Revenue, to which post Mr. D. Kelvin Stark, Cadet officer, has been appointed.

Another American, whose identity is not disclosed, was also hit by a sentry. Subsequently the Japanese authorities apologised to Mr. Allison.

The spokesman added that the case arose from the "insolent attitude" adopted by Mr. Allison, who sought to deal with the Japanese soldiers "as a policeman would deal with a law breaker."

OUTSPOKEN CRITICISM

The incident must also be attributed to Mr. Allison's attitude, which the spokesman said was characterised by his outspoken criticism of the Japanese army.

The incident, however, was regrettable, and steps have been taken to prevent a recurrence.—Reuter.

WASHINGTON DELAYS COMMENT

Washington, To-day.

The State Department declines to comment on the assault on Mr. John B. Allison, Third Secretary of the United States Embassy in Nanking, until the official report on the matter is received from Mr. Allison himself.

Except for the Hearst papers, the American press gives the incident comparatively little attention.—Reuter.

IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT FEVER.

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DR. KOO'S INDICTMENT

Discussion at Geneva On Leagues' Prestige

French Follow Britain's Line Of Approach

Geneva, To-day.

A significant stillness took possession of the Hall in which the assembled delegates to the League Council met when at noon, the Chinese Ambassador in Paris, Dr. Wellington Koo, rose to speak and pronounced the greatest indictment of the League ever heard in Geneva.

DR. KOO SAID THAT "THE FESTIVE AIR OF THIS SESSION STANDS IN STRIKING CONTRAST TO ALL THE FAILURES THAT THE LEAGUE HAS TO ITS RECORD. "WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A WAR OF IDEOLOGIES THE GRAVITY OF WHICH RECALLS THE RELIGIOUS WARS OF THE MIDDLE AGES.

"But instead of taking the trouble to solve the problem, the League is becoming more and more a passive observer.

"This Hall is merely a platform for utterance of platitudes, and the centre for launching excuses for your inertia.

"If you nations inside the League show so little activity in promoting the cause of peace, how can the nations outside the League be expected to fight for peace?" (Dr. Koo asked this question several times in the course of his address).

LOST PRESTIGE

He said: "The League more than ever has lost its international prestige because all constitutional procedure which the League at one time was prepared to establish is now being evaded by the League itself.

"The time has now come when it has become necessary that the League attempt to re-establish its prestige, and this can best be done in the Sino-Japanese conflict.

LOGICAL BASIS

"Japanese aggression is rampant in China. Millions of Chinese are suffering horribly. And the League, whose so-called ideal is to promote peace, stands to one side and allows matters to take their course.

"The principal of collective security is the only logical basis on which to establish permanent peace, and this principle must now be applied to the Sino-Japanese conflict."

When Dr. Koo sat down, there was a minute of surprise silence. — Trans-Ocean.

M. LITVINOFF'S ATTACK

M. Litvinoff delivered a slashing attack on certain nations which he did not name.

The League, he stated, stood in opposition to the ideological bloc which had war as its principle.

The League had only one ideology—peace—so that when the war block became active, the peace bloc had no recourse but to reciprocate through equal activity.

DEVOTED MEMBER

M. Litvinoff pledged Russia's loyalty to the League, saying that though his government was not a member in the beginning of the League family, it was now one of the most devoted members.

Moscow had required years to be convinced that the League was an instrument of peace, but having become convinced, Russia had ever since fulfilled all of her interna-

tional obligations in the spirit of the League.

Mr. Anthony Eden (Britain) and M. Yvon Delbos (France) spoke before M. Litvinoff.

INTERNATIONAL ANARCHY

M. Delbos stressed France's loyalty to the League, emphasised the sanctity of treaties and declared that the ideal of peace was not fantastic.

The problem before the world to-day was the battle against international anarchy for a system of peace, and no country in the world had more understanding for this campaign than liberal, democratic France.

The world to-day was fighting against war, competitive armament and warlike blocs, and this fight must be carried on with international co-operation and based on the League Covenant.

Both Mr. Eden and M. Delbos avoided mention of reform of the League Covenant.

COL. BECK

The Polish Foreign Minister, Col. Joseph Beck, however, said that he saw other possibilities for attainment and preservation of peace than those existing within the League.

There were other paths leading to peace, and it should be left to each nation to seek the most appropriate way. — Trans-Ocean.

LEAGUE MEETING

Geneva, To-day.

Next meeting of the League Council will be held this afternoon (Friday) beginning at 3.30.

Whether the meeting will be public is not yet known. — Trans-Ocean.

PRISON FOR NEPHEW

Wong Cheong-see, who robbed his aunt, Lau Yung-chuen, residing at No. 137, Caine Road, of jewellery to the value of over \$10,000 on January 23, was this morning sentenced to four months' imprisonment by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy.

At a previous hearing it was stated that some \$8,000 worth of the jewellery was recovered when defendant was arrested.

NEW U.S. SOLICITOR GENERAL

Washington, To-day. President Roosevelt has appointed Mr. Robert H. Jackson as Solicitor-General of the United States in succession to Mr. Stanley Reed.

Mr. Jackson, who is a Democrat, is 46 years of age and has been Assistant Attorney-General. — Reuter.

LETTERS SLIT OPEN BEFORE DELIVERY

A complaint was registered by one of the foreign correspondents at the Japanese press conference in Shanghai recently to the effect that his letters had been opened before they were delivered to him by the local Post Office. He asked when censorship of the mails was instituted. "No mail censorship has been instituted so far," he was told.

The correspondent said that he had seven envelopes delivered to him in the afternoon, and four of these had been slit open with a knife. One, indeed, was empty, and he did not think anything

HOLIDAY RIVER TRAFFIC SUSPENSION

River-traffic between Canton and Hong Kong will be suspended on Monday (Chinese New Year Day) and resumed on February 2 (Wednesday).

The s.s. Fuk On will be taken off the run as from to-day, and the s.s. Tin Yat as from to-morrow. The s.s. Tai Shan, s.s. Fat Shan, and s.s. Sai On will commence their "rest" on Monday.

The Hong Kong-Kongmoon service will continue without a break.

Unlike previous years there will be no mid-night service to and from Canton on Chinese New Year Eve, owing to the barrier at the mouth of the Pearl River.

could have happened to them when they were brought here by an American destroyer. Private letters in long-hand had not not been touched, but letters addressed to him by his paper, the "New York Times," had been opened.

"The matter will have to be investigated," said the spokesman. "As far as we know, there is no mail censorship."

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HEARTENING FOR CHINA

The revelations of the Peiping correspondent of the "Deutsch Allgemeine Zeitung," concerning the true state of affairs in North China goes to confirm other heartening messages, from China's viewpoint, compelling the view that Japan has bitten off more than she can chew. Wuhu, which fell into Japanese hands long before Christmas, is to-day a point at which the defenders are hard pressed. Kalgan, miles behind the "fighting lines" is seriously menaced by the Eighth Route Army. Operations lasting more than a month have failed to secure for the Japanese a firm grip upon south Shantung and the attack along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway from the south is at a standstill. Daily, and effectively, Chinese aircraft subject Japanese military positions to bombardment. At all points, there is an impression that Japan has overreached herself, extended her lines of communication beyond the safety point, and at the point of stalemate unless she is prepared to embark upon heavier military commitments, which she fears to do while the Soviet remains ever-menacing at her back door.

Even more encouraging is the complete failure, thus far, of the Japanese to achieve progress in the political sphere in the occupied territories. Japan worked out her programme in the belief that what was possible in "Manchukuo" could be duplicated in China Proper. She reckoned neither with the different outlook of the Chinese people south of the Great Wall, nor with the intensification of a nationalistic spirit which her own aggressive invasion assisted materially to create. In an effort to present an appearance of success, Japan's "Empire-builders" have been reduced to the shift of exhuming the old Anfu Clique officials who functioned in pre-Kuomintang days. This is sad and bad enough in itself. But judging from such names as have been publicly revealed, those who have consented to the final betrayal of their country include some of the worst of the old officials.

Nearly all the leaders of the so-called Peiping "provisional" government belonged at one time to the notorious Anfu clique.

The title has an origin about which even the old officials dispute. Some say that it was the name of a street in Peking where the clique used to meet. Others that it combined the first syllables of the two provinces of Anhwei and Fukien whence some of them hailed. However that may be, this clique was a pro-Japanese faction, paid or unpaid, which rose to power in the Peking government after the first President of the Republic, Yuan Shi-kai, died in 1916.

At this time the Japanese were already deeply fishing in China's troubled waters. They had in 1915 presented the infamous Twenty-one Demands—demands which, if accepted in their entirety, would have accomplished what is now purposed, the reduction of all China to the status of a Japanese province. That they were not accepted was due largely to the enterprise of certain newspapermen in Peiping in flashing them around the world. It was not China's strength that saved her; it was world publicity which impelled Japan, who was then trying to build up a reputation as a loyal World War ally, to climb down.

The retreat, however, was merely strategic. Japan from that moment tried to accomplish her purposes by bribing and corrupting the Anfu faction, and with Japanese money, this faction became the government of the day.

"Squeeze" is difficult to eradicate from the Chinese system, but the sticky Anfu fingers which clung to part of the Japanese loans to China aroused even Chinese public opinion. Students in those days constituted the voice of the people. Day after day they agitated against the Anfu faction. The greatest of these demonstrations occurred in May, 1919. It was so impressive that, in spite of repressive measures taken against it, the Anfu Minister of Finance was compelled to resign.

Even the warlords, or military governors, in the provinces began to protest against the manner in which the Anfus were disposing of the country. Their protests eventually led to civil war. The result was that the Anfus were defeated, and control of the central government swung back and forth among the contending warlords till the Nationalists swept them all off the scene, warlords and Anfus. Nationalist China drove the warlords out of Peiping in 1927, and a capital redolent of the old regime, before and after the Republic, was displaced by Nanking, "southern capital."

The Japanese effort to reinstate the Anfus in Peiping must be more galling to true Nationalists than any Chinese defeats in the field. For Chinese nationalism gained most of its early impetus as opposition to the flagrant corruption practiced by the Anfu politicians.

Those who know that ideas linger even when machinery has been reduced to impotence can lend the Nationalists comfort. The good in Nationalist China cannot be ploughed under by Japanese bayonets. Neither can the Japanese produce a favourable state of mind among 400,000,000 people by attempting to put China's clock back. Certainly not by the exhumation of an "old gang" whom the unlettered farmer or no less than the sophisticated student had come to dub as traitors.

FRANCE RAISES HAINAN QUESTIONS IN TOKYO

Japan Denies Intention Of Attempting Occupation

AMERICAN PROTEST TO JAPAN

Washington, To-day.

The United States Government has handed a protest to the Japanese Government through Mr. Joseph Grew, Ambassador at Tokyo, against treatment of United States nationals in Japanese occupied areas of China.—Reuter.

SHARP TONE IN AMERICAN NOTE

Washington, To-day.

The American Note to Japan, presented on January 17 and published for the first time yesterday, was the most vigorous since the American representations regarding the Panay outrage.

The Note declared that steps taken hitherto by the Japanese Government to protect American rights and interests seemed to be inadequate to ensure that hereafter American nationals, interests and property in China should not be the subject of attack by Japanese armed forces.

It adds that the United States Government finds it impossible to reconcile the continued disregard for American rights with the assurances contained in the Japanese Note of Dec. 24 stating that rigid orders had been issued to Japanese forces operating in China to respect American rights and interests.

The Note requests that the Japanese Government reinforce instructions already issued "in such a way as will serve effectively to prevent repetition of such outrages."

INVESTIGATION ORDER

According to the report made by Mr. Grew to the State Department after consideration of the Note by the Japanese Cabinet, a high ranking officer of the Japanese army was ordered by the War Office to Nanking to investigate and adopt necessary measures to prevent recurrence of such acts.—Reuter.

DISASTER IN BRITISH ARMS FACTORY

London, To-day.

Six men were killed and about a dozen injured—none seriously—in an explosion in the mixing house in the blasting department of the largest explosives factory in Britain at Ardeer in Ayrshire

Prepared To Abide By Limitations Of Treaties

Tokyo, To-day.

Japanese action in respect of Hainan Island, is stated by an official spokesman of the Navy Ministry to be naturally limited by treaties affecting the area.

The spokesman said that a Japanese naval party had visited Yulin on January 19 to inspect Chinese junks suspected of smuggling war supplies.

The Japanese Navy had no intention of landing forces at Yulin or elsewhere on Hainan Island, nor had they attempted this.

He added that aerial reconnaissance showed the island to be strongly fortified.

The spokesman said that the Japanese visit to Yulin had formed the subject of conversations lately between the French Ambassador and the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs.

He understood that the French Ambassador expressed apprehension regarding the security of Hainan.

BLOCKADE AIM

In giving an explanation, the Vice-Minister said that the Japanese naval party's visit was for the purpose of ensuring effective interruption of Chinese maritime traffic and was for no other purpose.

The Ambassador is said to have expressed satisfaction with the explanation.—Reuter.

FOUR BOMB OUTRAGES IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

Following five armed robberies in the daytime, in one of which a Chinese gunman was shot dead but all the other miscreants escaped, there were four bomb outrages in Shanghai last night. No serious casualties resulted.

The bombed places included a Chinese confectionary shop, which was alleged to have been selling Japanese sugar in vast quantities, sugar which is flooding the Shanghai market as it is duty free.

Other bombs were hurled at the houses of a Chinese lawyer and a Chinese banker.—Reuter.

yesterday afternoon.

The cause is unknown and as all the occupants of the mixing house perished may not be ascertainable.—British-Wireless.

JAPAN'S ENORMOUS WAR BILL

Tokyo, To-day.

The supplementary budget of the Japanese navy for the China Incident for the coming year, has not yet been fixed, according to a spokesman of the Navy Ministry yesterday.

The spokesman declined to confirm the forecast of the "Hochi Shimbun" that the Budget would total 1,500,000,000 yen, and that the army's budget, reported to be fixed at 3,500,000,000 yen, made an extraordinary budget total for the China Incident, of 5,000,000,000 yen. Since hostilities started last July, Japan had appropriated approximately 2,500,000,000 yen for military operations.

The amount would be exhausted by the end of the financial year on March 31, according to the "Yomiuri Shimbun."

New appropriations apparently cover the whole military and naval operations for the coming financial year, and will be based on exceptional warfare over a long period.—Reuter.

JAPANESE SUBMARINES IN THE DELTA

Canton, To-day.

Japanese submarines are reported to be haunting the vicinity of Lin Tin Islands, according to a local report crediting the statement to passengers on board vessels plying between Canton and Hong Kong.

It is said that during the past three days several submarines were seen between Lin Tin Islands and Bocca Tigris.—Our Own Correspondent.



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CHINA STUDENTS AT GERMAN TEA PARTY

Berlin, To-day.

Ninety Chinese students in Berlin were guests at a tea given yesterday by the Charlottenburg Technical College and presided over by the Rector, Professor Baron von Arnim.

The Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Tien Fong-cheng, the Councillor of the Embassy, Mr. Tann, the military attache, Lt. Hsu Pei-chau, and the chairman of the Chinese Students Society, Mr. Tao Tse-kai, were among the guests.

In a speech, the Rector recalled that two Chinese Ministers had

taken technical degrees at the College.

RECONSTRUCTION IN PEACE

Mr. Tai Ngai-kuo, son of Mr. Tai Chi-tao, President of the Examination Yuan, thanked their hosts on behalf of the Chinese students in Germany.

Mr. Tai said, in part, that "our 400,000,000 people desire nothing better than to rally behind the National Government and General Chiang Kai-shek to continue the work of reconstruction in peace."

"The Chinese people, by virtue of their contribution to world culture and world economy, should be able to assert their right to equal status, and live in fruitful co-operation with all states that desire peace."

"We are filled with poignant regret that at a time when our country was united as one, we should have to undergo Japanese aggression."—Trans-Ocean.

DR. KOO'S BRILLIAN

Centre For Wordy Excuses For Inaction

Geneva, To-day.

A declaration that the British Government retains unshaken faith in the aims and ideals of the League of Nations, was made by Mr. Anthony Eden addressing the hundredth session of the Council yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Eden said that defection of some of the more important of its members had restricted its area of co-operation, but the record of the League should not be forgotten by those apt to contemplate its failures.

The League was designed to hold the nations of the world together in resistance to war and injustice.

The British Government considered that the League, in spite of its limitations, was the best instrument yet devised for giving effect to the principles of international co-operation, and therefore was determined to keep it in existence.

"The British Government welcomes any co-operation in the work of the League which non-members may be disposed to give."

PEACE OUTLOOK

"They do not regard their membership as preventing, or hindering, friendly relations with non-members, since they see no reason why such relations should involve them in any departures from the principles to which I have referred."

Mr. Eden added: "The League has never been, and the British Government on their part is resolved that it shall not become, the home of any ideology save that of peace through international co-operation."

"Let us hold fast to our principles and devote our whole energies to proving their worth."

STERILE ARGUMENT

"Let us not be drawn into any sterile embittering controversy with those who do not think to work with us at this moment."

"Rather let us hope that appeasement may be achieved that will unite all nations again to find the way to peace through co-operation."

"When that day comes, it may be that we shall unite in finding new and better methods and adapting and modifying our procedure, but at present we must recognise the realities."

"Our best course seems to be to continue to use the instrument lying ready to our hands for all purposes to which it is fitted."—Reuter.

SOVIET VIEW

M. Maxim Litvinoff (Russia) said that in spite of withdrawal of some members of the League, the Soviet Union continued to think that given the loyalty and goodwill of the great number of States remaining in the League, the latter might serve as a great obstacle to further unleashing of the forces of aggression.

Dr. Wellington Koo (China) condemned the lack of courage of the League in standing by its principles and said that the world's peace and security was confronted by lawlessness and violence seldom witnessed in history.

International law, instead of being the rule of conduct among governments, is openly challenged or swept into the limbo of oblivion, treaty obligations are disregarded with impunity.

PASSIVE SPECTATOR

The League has become a passive spectator, serving as a platform for empty platitudes and the centre of wordy excuses for inaction.

Dr. Koo urged the need for radical change in the League's policy to rescue it from apparent paralysis which threatened disintegration.

The League should boldly try to live up to its obligations and restrain aggression and maintain peace.

The Sino-Japanese undeclared war had been raging for six months. Fifty nations had confirmed that Japanese aggression was solely responsible, yet that aggression was



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"MURDER AT TWO-THIRTY"

RALPH CHARTERIS, manager of Baston's Bank, Charing Cross, left his office at four o'clock, stepped into his car, motored home to Grangehurst, South Kensington, had tea in the diningroom, walked into the library, closed the door, and was found murdered at five p.m.

Those were the facts presented to Scotland Yard, and fifteen minutes after the crime was discovered, Hartley Bennett, the celebrated detective, stood in that library and examined the dead body. A girl stood at his elbow, watching him shrewdly, but Bennett took no notice of her, and did not seem conscious of her presence. Yet she was decidedly attractive, with limpid blue eyes, a swan-like figure, and wore a white dress on that hot, June afternoon. She could not have been more than twenty-three.

Bennett, tall, dark, with piercing grey eyes, was soon on his knees, his instruments out, but whatever he noticed in that searching survey he kept to himself. All that the girl realised was that Charteris had been stabbed in the back, and she was doing her utmost to repress her horror. She saw the window was half-open, and when she entered Bennett was examining that part of the room for finger-prints. It was a large apartment, sumptuously furnished, but it was an ordinary library, and although the books on the shelves were numerous they did not appear the work of a collector. A Japanese table contained a few Eastern curios, the rugs were expensive, and the red carpet looked distinctive in tone. Suddenly Bennett jumped to his feet. "What are you doing here?" he demanded.

"I am Phyllis Monckton," answered the girl "and there is no need to look worried, or to wear that severe expression. I am on the staff of the 'Daily Tribune,' fashion expert and lady journalist, but the crime reporter met with an accident at 1.15, so, in desperation, the News Editor sent me along. There is just a chance I may be of assistance!"

Bennett almost collapsed. A fashion expert sent to his aid! H. G. Wells was right. Civilisation must be doomed! He groaned aloud, replaced the scientific instruments in his pocket, and stared at the girl. It dawned on him that she was bewitching, that he had never seen a more enchanting vision of loveliness, and something about the blue eyes appealed. Yet he was furiously angry.

"So that explains how you got past the policeman!" he muttered. "Well, Miss Monckton, you and I are going to part company. I do not require your collaboration, and there is no copy. All you need report is that Ralph Charteris has been murdered, and that the Yard has taken charge of the case. Good afternoon."

Having given that peremptory dismissal, he glanced again at the dead face of the bank manager, noted the distinguished features, the grey hair, the brown suit, the manner in which the right leg was slightly drawn up. Obviously Charteris had been in agony when he tumbled, after that knife-thrust, to the floor, and lay there

without a sound. But death must have come soon!

"One moment, please!" the girl begged. "Have you noticed something important? It is five-twenty, but that clock is pointing to two-thirty, and it is stopped. What do you make of it?"

Bennett was impressed. He had noted this item on entering, but was keeping that to himself. A cynical smile touched his lips.

"Good for you!" he muttered. "That is important, but I did not credit you with that intelligence. What else have you discovered?"

"That the dead man has been living alone with his housekeeper, that he is a bachelor, that his sister has gone to Brighton for a week, that he is methodical in habit, and that the window is half-open. When I entered, you were examining that window-ledge for foot-prints or fingers-prints, and I am curious to know if you got a pointer. That clock seems the biggest one."

Bennett nodded. Again he was impressed. This girl's voice was like the music of many waters. Why had he dismissed her so summarily? She was something more than a fashion artist on a London Daily. She was intelligent!

"Where did you get those other facts?" he challenged.

"Mrs. Simpson, the housekeeper. Can I remain?"

"Yes."

Short Story :- :-

By James Corbett

"The telephone is on your left." Bennett glared.

"What do you mean?" he asked. "You are going to ring up Baston's Bank, find out what visitors Charteris had in the region of two-thirty, and one of them will be the murderer!"

Bennett took a pace forward. He seemed dazed. He frowned at first, but gradually that sternness vanished, and once more the slight trace of amusement appeared on the good-looking face.

"You are uncanny!" he muttered. "I think you must be a mind-reader. That is exactly what I am going to do, but do not rush matters to that extent. You have forgotten one point. That clock may have remained motionless for months. Show Mrs. Simpson in to the library."

When the housekeeper entered, her eyes were swollen with weeping, and the policeman in the hall escorted her into the room, then left at a sign from the detective. Mrs. Simpson was stout, had a genial face, and seemed disposed to give any information that might lead to the arrest of the murderer.

"I only wish to ask one question," the detective announced. "That Chinese clock on the mantelpiece. How long has it been stopped, Mrs. Simpson?"

The housekeeper jumped to her

feet. She gazed at the clock in consternation, then her hand clutched at her throat. When she spoke, her voice was hoarse with amazement.

"That clock stopped?" she exclaimed in bewilderment. "Why, it has been going for twenty years, and Mr. Charteris ruled his life by it. I have never known it to stop, sir. But why is it pointing to two-thirty? Good heavens, it is stopped! What on earth is the meaning of it? An unlucky omen, I am sure!"

"Unlucky for your employer," Bennett commented. "Thanks Mrs. Simpson, that is all the information I require."

Two hours later Bennett called at Ockton Manor, East Brockwood Road, South London, and after presenting his card the manservant conducted him along the hall; then without warning someone jumped on him from behind and he went down with a resounding blow on the head. When he recovered consciousness, Bennett found himself in an evil-smelling cellar, bound hand and feet, yet sitting upright on a deal chair. Before him, at a small table, sat Anthony Despard, the solicitor he had called to interview in connection with the crime. Despard was tall, angular and crafty, with bead-like eyes, and a face that appeared to have lost all trace of humanity. At that instant he was

head was rigid in position, then, to make doubly certain, he secured the ring by a chain to the wall itself. After that he moved a switch, and the first drop of water from the cistern overhead fell on the centre of the detective's head. It seemed a pleasant sensation, then the full horror of it dawned on him. This was a relic of the Spanish Inquisition torture. These drops of water would continue at a devilish slow rate until madness or death intervened to end it all!

"So that is your plan?" he remarked in a hoarse whisper. "May I ask if you planned this deliberately for my benefit?"

"No, it was for Charteris," Despard announced, returning to his chair at the table opposite and gloating into the eyes of the man he held prisoner. "I wanted him where you are, Bennett, and when I saw that it was impossible I stabbed him in his library. But I want to hear how you got a line on me? That was clever, and I think I deserve some information."

"You can go to hell!" Bennett answered. "If you have reserved this fiendish end for me, Despard, there is no reason for me to talk!"

The solicitor nodded. "I thought as much," he grinned. "Well, we will see who wins at this game. I can wait. That switch is on, and those drops of water will soon have the desired effect. You can scream or shout as you please. No one will hear you. I made this cellar proof against disturbance, and when I have finished with you I will make a get-away."

The drops continued, and forty minutes passed. The agony of those drips became unendurable, and before he fainted Bennett made a sign that he would talk. When he recovered somewhat, he glared at the wolfish man opposite.

"How long do you give me?"

"Ten minutes!"

"Well, even for that respite, I will let you have the information," Bennett groaned. "Despard, you are inhuman. If you have reserved that death for me, all the fiends of hell will get you for it. I wish I had warned the Yard. I thought you would have been an easy capture, a complete surprise, but that is where I made the biggest mistake of my life. I had no idea I was dealing with a madman!"

"I want you to talk," Despard insisted. "How did you get a line on me? That is what I want to know!"

"That was easy," Bennett replied, the sweat raining down his cheeks. "You stopped the clock. Despard — the clock by which Charteris ruled his existence — and you made the hands point to two-thirty. They are still pointing to that hour, and that act might have told me you had a screw loose!"

The solicitor nodded. His eyes half-closed, and that mocking grin appeared at his mouth.

"Yes, I stopped the Chinese clock in his library," he echoed. "But what of it? What did that

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A lineout during the H. K. Bank-Rest of the Club Rugby match at Sookunpoo last Saturday. Several well-known players are discernable including Watts, Nelson, A. S. Olsen, J. F. Dunnett, T. H. Pratt, B. Hynes, K. A. Watson, and R. G. L. Oliphant. ("Mail" photo).



The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Rugby fifteen, above, were beaten by the Rest of the Club last Saturday in their annual encounter, which was held on the Sookunpoo ground. In the centre of the group sitting down is Sir Vandeleur Grayburn, Chief Manager of the Bank, while third from the left is A. H. R. Butcher, captain of the team. ("Mail" photo).

Cabbages And Kings

My Car

She can crawl up hills in third and run up bills on top.

Unmoved

The modern girl's hair looks like a mop, says a bishop. That's O.K. with the modern girl. She doesn't know what a mop looks like.

"For every single thing you give away," said the cheery philosopher, "two come back to you."

"True," agreed the pessimist. "Last March I gave away my daughter; she and her husband came back in May."

ROTTEN SHOT

A judge says it should be the aim of every woman to make her husband happy. But you know the kind of aim the average woman has.

Safety First

A crashproof helmet for motorists is on the market. Something new in top gear.

Lump Of Life

Some men never go home at night because they have no wife. And some men never go home at night because they have.

Local News Item

Last night the local Amateur Dramatic Society played "Hamlet." Hamlet won.

"All right," said the husband after arguing for two hours, "all right, I agree."

"Don't bother," said his wife, moodily. "I've changed my mind."

Definition

Joint account—what you owe the butcher.

Judge: "This robbery was effected in an extremely adroit and skilful manner."

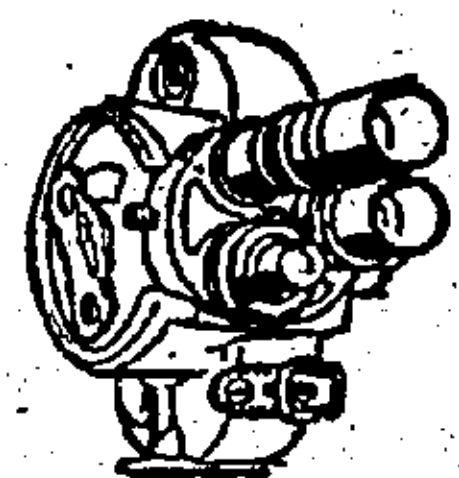
Prisoner: "Now, now, ma lord, no flattery, please."

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In a parish magazine a clergyman reminded his parishioners that the meek will inherit the earth. As things are at present it would not be fair to force it upon them.

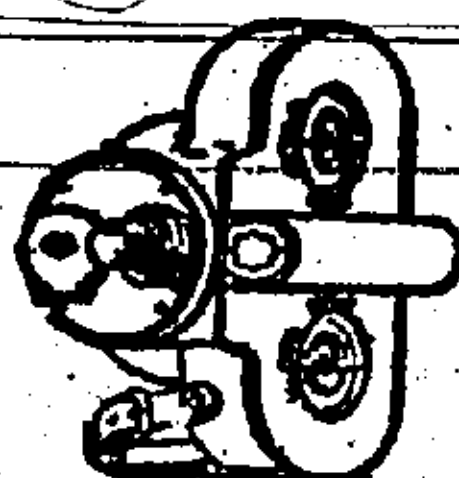
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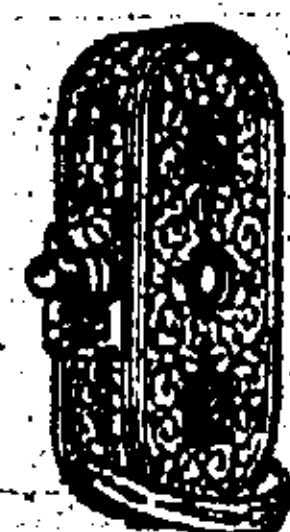
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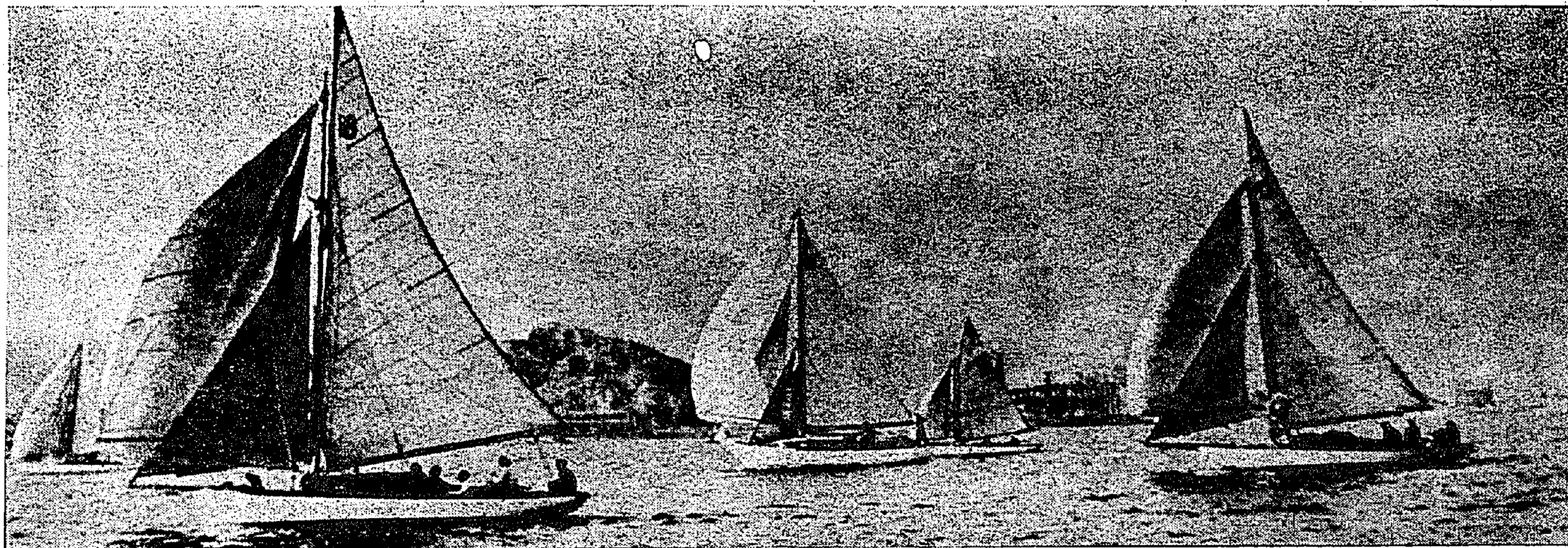
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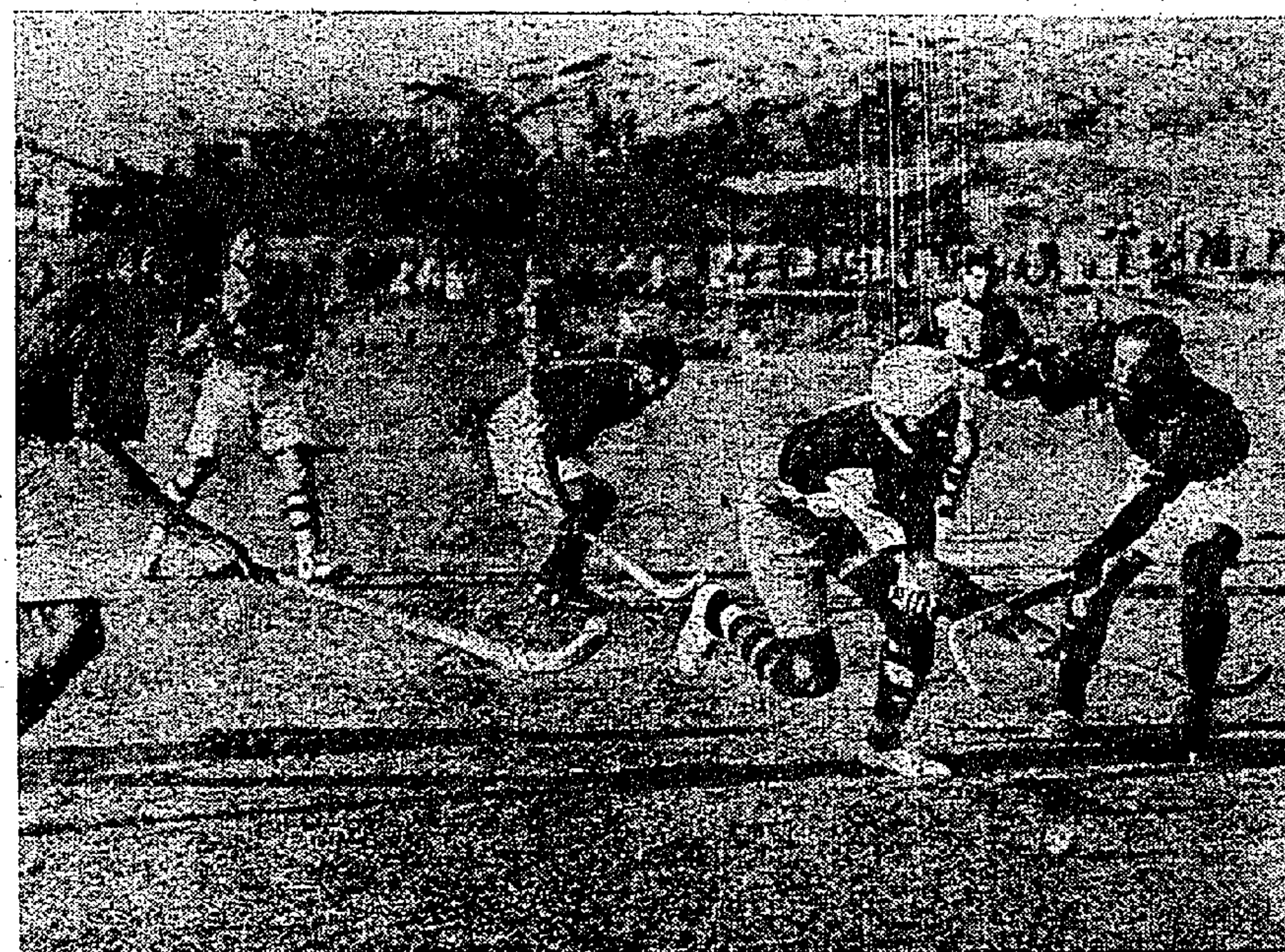
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Running before the wind in the Menagerie Race. The yachts in the picture are the U. and I. (Major Dixon), Fei Loong (Col. Lammie) and Sai Loong (Mr. G. Porter). ("Mail" photo).



An excellent action "shot" of last Saturday's Rugby match between the H. K. Bank and the Rest of the Club, showing E. M. Watts (right) about to field the ball, while B. Hynes (centre) and A. W. Holden (left) watch anxiously. ("Mail" photo).



A thrilling moment near the Rajputana Rifles' goal last Sunday when the Battalion team beat the Kowloon Indians Tennis Club by 2 goals to 1 in the Final of the Inter-Section Hockey Tournament, which was held before a large gathering on the Club ground. The above photo shows Pyara Singh (in Turban), the K.I.T.C. centre-forward, trying to break through on his own and hemmed in on all side by opposition defenders. ("Mail" photo).



A portion of the small gathering of spectators who witnessed the H. K. Bank-Rest of the Club Rugby encounter last Saturday at Sookunpoo. Fourth from the left in the third row from the bottom is Sir Vandeleur Grayburn, Chief Manager of the Bank and a firm supporter of Rugby. ("Mail" photo).

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Portsmouth (1) v S
PRESTON (3) v V
Sunderland (1) v A
WOLVES (4) v B

SECOND DI

ASTON
VILLA (-) v W
BRADFORD (1) v B
BURNLEY (0) v N
BURY (1) v N
Chesterfield (2) v C
MANCHES-
TER U. (-) v S
NORWICH (3) v F
SHEFFIELD
U. (2) v E
SWANSEA (0) v F
TOTTEN-
HAM (-) v I
WEST HAM (4) v S

THIRD DIVISION

BRIGHTON (7) v C
BRISTOL C. (3) v A
CLAPTON (2) v B
CRYSTAL P. (2) v B
GILLING-
HAM (2) v E
Newport (1) v M
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P. R. (2) v W
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Birmingham (2)
Middlesbrough (0)
Manchester C. (5)
Bolton (2)
Liverpool (1)
Sheff. Wed. (0)
Blackpool (2)
Tottenham (0)
W. Brom. (2)
Arsenal (1)
Brentford (0)

DIVISION

Wednesday (-)
Blackburn (2)
Newcastle (3)
Preston (1)
Coventry (3)
Stockport (-)
Wolverhampton (0)
Barnsley (0)
Plymouth (1)
Bristol (-)
Southampton (0)

DIVISION (SOUTH)

Cardiff (2)
Bristol (-)
Bristol Rovers (1)
Bournemouth (2)
Petersfield (2)
Millwall (2)
Reading (0)
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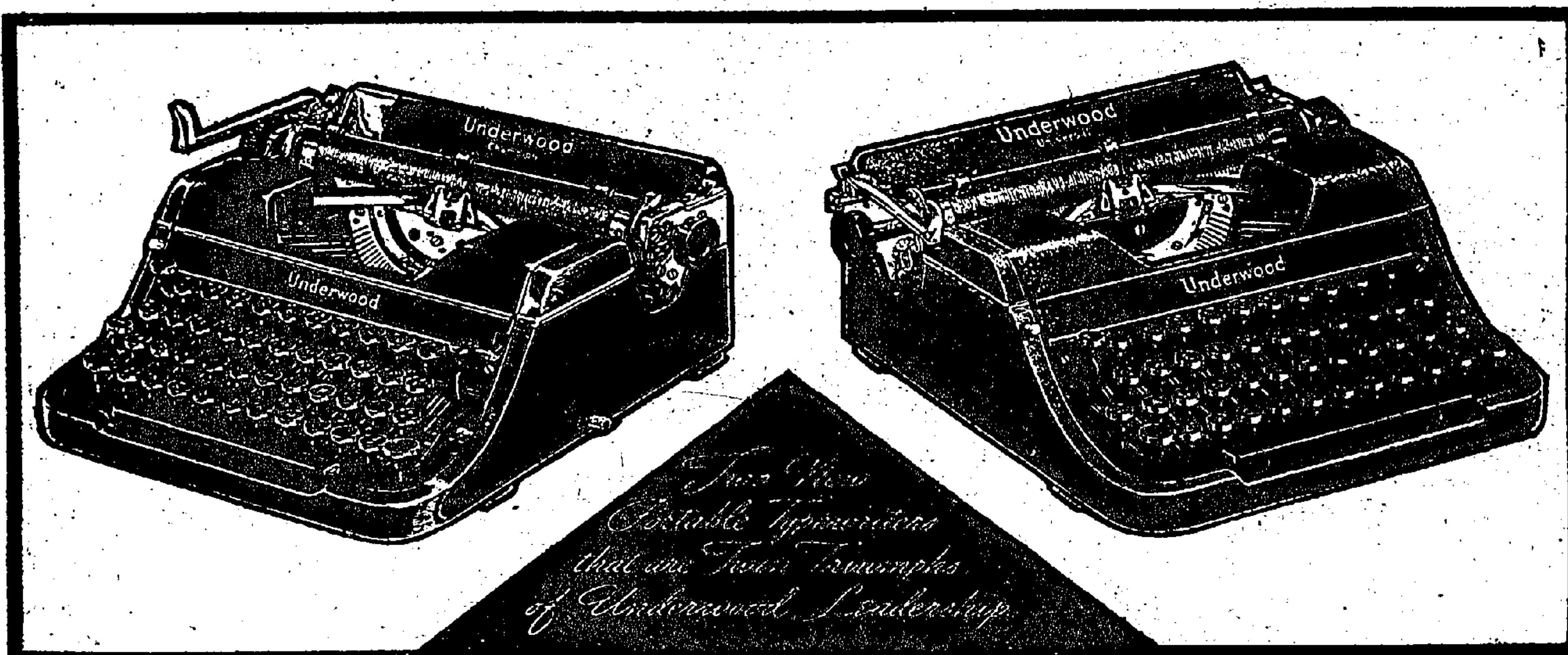
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CHESTER (-) v Bradford C. (-)
DARLINGTON (2) v Barrow (4)
GATESHEAD (2) v Hartlepool (2)
Hull (0) v HALIFAX (0)
New Brighton (1) v Lincoln (2)
OLDHAM (2) v Wrexham (2)
Port Vale (0) v CREWE (0)
ROCHDALE (-) v Doncaster (-)
ROTHAMHAM (3) v Southport (0)

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (FIRST DIVISION)

ABERDEEN (4) v St. Johnstone (1)
ARBROATH (2) v St. Mirren (2)
Clyde (1) v CELTIC (1)
HAMILTON (-) v Ayr (-)
HEARTS (3) v Motherwell (4)
Kilmarnock (1) v Dundee (1)
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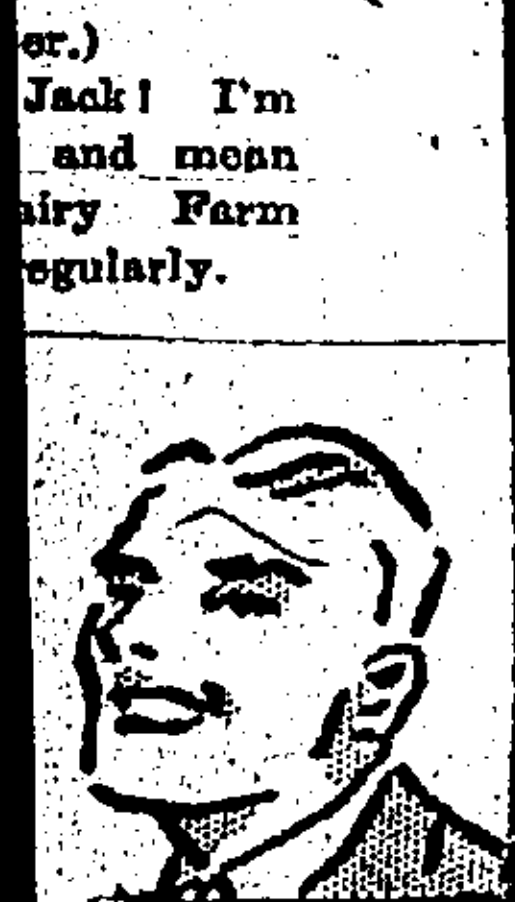
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Disengaged
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A magistrate says it's impossible to kiss a girl while driving a car.

Sounds to me he can't really have been trying.

Sufficient
A housewife found a diamond in a load of coal. Most of us are lucky if we just find a piece of coal.

"I am sorry, sir," said the hotel proprietor, "I wouldn't cash a cheque for my own mother."
"Well, I suppose one knows one's own family best."

Not Yet
Some new seeds have been produced that are remarkably quick growers. It's not true, however, that after you've planted them you have to jump clear.

So That's That

"And, how do you like school, my little man?"
"Closed!"

Too Late
The best man always wins in the end. Yes, that's what the bridegroom finds out.

The World
A strange place in which everybody knows how a job should be done except the fellow who is doing it.

"I think I shall retire and leave you to manage the business."
"No hurry, dad! A few more years and we could retire together."

The Same the Whole World Over
There is a race of women in Brazil who choose their own husbands and even hunt them out. We've been acquainted with their Hong Kong cousins for years.

(?)
A magistrate told a motorist that traffic cops who prosecute are forced to do it against their better nature.

Their what?

In Other Words
A trade unionist says that the agricultural worker's greatest mainstay is hope. A sort of farmer's buoy.

To the Manner Born
The telephone operator who boasted that her people were very well-connected.

Sheer Pleasure

Work in the garden, I read, should be enjoyed. The best way to do this is to tell the man where to dig and then to watch him do it.

FORBIDDEN



An official at a village cricket match was thrown into a pond by an opposing team. Delicacy forbids us to make a joke about our far-flung umpire.

No Laughs

"Great Heavens! Those shares I bought are only worth fourpence apiece to-day."

"Isn't it a blessing you have so many of them," said his wife, helpfully.

Definition

Will-power—what wealthy relatives have.

Radi-owe

Many wireless sets are forfeited because people do not keep up the instalments.

Hear to-day, gone to-morrow.

Coming Down

With reference to the suggestion that aeroplanes are much cheaper, it is not the initial cost—it's their upkeep.

Exception

"The man in the chair always has the casting vote", says a writer.

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THE professor had little difficulty in following the dainty, high-heeled shoe-prints of a woman and the large heavy prints of a man through the soft earth at the side of the road down through a clearing and to the edge of a deep thicket.

Pushing his way into the under-brush he found the body of a middle-aged, attractive woman—strangled to death.

So the anonymous tip had been right, after all!

The contents of the woman's open vanity bag were strewn about. A cigar band and two burned matches lay near her feet; her battered hat at some distance from the body. The left shoulder of her dress was torn.

Quietly Fordney stood looking at the body—"getting the picture."

"Yes. It must have been done that way," he said to himself as he followed the man's heavier

A Good Detective?

footprints back to the road. He summoned an ambulance and had the body removed to the morgue. Two hours later he was assisting the coroner, Dr. Johnson, in his examination.

Removing the woman's goloshes, shoes and stockings and impatiently flinging them aside, the professor seemed most interested in a long deep bruise near the left knee.

He examined it closely as Dr. Johnson gave him an inquiring look.

Apparently he quickly lost interest in it, however, as his, "How long had she been dead before I discovered her, doctor?" sounded almost disinterested.

"Between eight and twelve hours," was the physician's reply.

ONE MINUTE MYSTERY



"A puzzling affair, doctor," said the professor. "She wasn't murdered where I found her and a man and a woman are involved in her death."

HOW DID FORDNEY KNOW THIS?

Police back to the car. The single set of woman's foot-prints baffled the professor for some time. But when the murderer and his accomplice were arrested, Fordney learned that the murdered had carried his accomplice back to the car. The single set of woman's foot-prints baffled the professor for some time. But when the murderer and his accomplice were arrested, Fordney learned that the murdered had carried his accomplice back to the car. The single set of woman's foot-prints baffled the professor for some time. But when the murderer and his accomplice were arrested, Fordney learned that the murdered had carried his accomplice back to the car.

"MURDER AT TWO-THIRTY"

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mean to you?"

"Something very significant," Bennett continued, his voice getting weaker, for he realised that death was near at hand. Despard had discontinued the water drip, but soon the hideous torture would begin afresh, and his brain would be numbed to madness! That steady drip would bore a hole right through to the base of his skull! What uncanny torture for a human mind to devise!

"What did it mean to you?" Despard shouted.

"I had an inspiration that you called to see Charteris at that hour, if not to-day then some day previously, and that is why you were brought, with five other men, to the Yard. All those men had called to see Charteris from two o'clock onward, and when your finger-prints were examined they compared with those I collected in that library. Your prints were found in the dust on the back of that Chinese clock, on the window-sill by which you entered and departed, on the back of a chair against which you leaned after the crime was committed. . . ."

"Then why the blazes did you not arrest me?" Despard roared in a strident voice, a voice more

animal-like than human, for now madness was plainly discernible in that gaze.

"Because I wanted a motive for the crime," Bennett continued, "and that eluded me for some time. Then I ascertained that once a week, for five consecutive weeks, you made an appointment to see Charteris at two-thirty, and on each occasion he refused to grant you an overdraft of two thousand pounds, a sum you wanted for some specific reason. That was your revenge on the bank manager, and evidently when you altered the hands of the Chinese clock your distorted brain thought it was a diabolically clever idea, but it might have brought you to the scaffold. You were just too quick for me when I called to make a formal arrest."

Despard's laugh sounded more like the croak of a frog. It was devilish intensity, and again Bennett knew that the end could not be far distant.

"A very clever check-up," he remarked, "and my congratulations, Hartley Bennett, for the manner in which you almost caught me. You have failed for once in your career, however, and when I have turned your genius into madness then I have a process of face-transformation that will make

your department look like infants when they try to penetrate my disguise. In ten days I will be on the other side of the States, and you will be in Hades before Big Ben strikes the mid-night hour. I am only sorry that you are sitting there instead of Ralph Charteris, the man I swore to kill. He knew that I had spent the money belonging to one of my clients, but he could not prove it, and he thought he would punish me by refusing that overdraft. At two-thirty to-day I was determined to kill him. The murder was delayed a few hours, but I put the Chinese clock back to that time just to satisfy my own brain. Now it is your turn to go out into the darkness, and I will wait here until you go raving mad!"

Without another word, he turned on the switch again, and the steady drip of water recommenced on Bennett's head. The Yard expert pleaded in vain; Despard was insane, and gloating over his cruelty. Slowly the minutes passed. They seemed like years, and each drop of water fell like the blow of a hammer. Madness. Madness. That was coming to Bennett with all the inexorable tragedy of Fate!

There is a limit, however, to human endurance, and when Bennett relapsed into a blissful unconsciousness, he never knew how strenuously his Yard colleagues were fighting for his release. When he opened his eyes half an hour

later, weak from exhaustion, he found Phyllis Monckton gazing down with a little tender smile, and a Detective-Sergeant standing beside a handcuffed Despard.

"What the devil happened?" Bennett asked in a low voice.

"You forget that I was in the secret," Phyllis reminded him. "You see, Mr. Bennett, I knew the names and addresses of the people you brought to the Yard, and when you called to interview Despard I was trailing you in my car. When you did not make a re-appearance I got frightfully anxious and phoned the Yard. We had a nasty time with that manservant upstairs, but he was put through the mill by one of your men, then he blabbed everything about your capture in the cellar."

"Yes," Detective-Sergeant Rickaby chimed in, "You owe your life to that young lady-journalist, Bennett, and had we not got here in time I think that cistern-business would have got you eventually. Never saw a more devilish torture in my life. I wish we could give Despard a touch of his own medicine."

Despard chuckled like some jungle animal.

"I will meet you all in hell!" he shouted, then he slipped down in an inert mass at Rickaby's feet. Something he had slipped into his mouth at the last second must have had the decisive effect.

"He is dead!" Phyllis said with a fresh shudder.

"Never mind that madman," Bennett answered. "You and I are going places. When can I see you to-morrow?"

"Two-thirty!"

KATJA FROM RUSSIA

An Incident In A Kindergarten

SHE was a lovely little thing—five years old, with brown eyes, creamy skin, and very fair straight hair, cut in a fringe. She sat on a chair very still and very straight of back.

Once or twice I looked at her, but there was no time to give her individual attention. Katja, her mother had called her.

It was nine o'clock on Tuesday morning, and the first day after Christmas vacation. There were only two of us in charge of about 100 kindergarten children, and I was interviewing parents with newcomers while the other assistant took charge of the excited "old-timers." It was very hot.

About thirty children had to be enrolled, and to my horror I found fifteen of these—Greeks, Russians, and Czechoslovakians—could not speak English.

Katja's mother was Russian, and could speak very little English herself.

I was fascinated with the little figure sitting so straight and still on her chair. Her big brown eyes looked out unblinkingly from under the silky straight fringe of hair—truly a daughter of the gods.

However, my hands were filled.

A Greek family, four of them, started all the trouble. Only the eldest could speak English, and Stephen, the youngest, threw himself on the floor in a passion of fear and hysteria as his mother left. What could I do?

Just as pandemonium broke loose in the office, in walked the inspector, a fussy, crochety, old-fashioned little man, full of his own importance, and with no desire to help.

Katja sat in unblinking silence, and I blessed the child. But the rest screamed. I ran for some books, especially for Stephen, and quietened him a little with a picture of cats. "Pussy-cat" was his first English word learnt that day. The other children became interested.

Did I say there was noise in the room before? It seemed so until Katja suddenly stood up and screamed. No lungs in the room could compare with hers.

In came the inspector, in came agitated mothers who should have gone home, but had waited outside the gate for just such an occasion. Of course, Stephen and the whole room of excitable children joined in the chorus.

I sent for Lerida, a little darling of seven, a Russian who could speak four languages.

"Lerida, dear, speak to Katja in Russian and tell her this is a nice place, and we will all be very kind to her."

Somehow the quiet influence of the soft little voice stilled the uproar. Every eye in the room watched.

Suddenly a look of frozen horror appeared on Katja's face. Even the tears stopped as though petrified on her cheeks. With one bound she rushed across to me, jumped on my knees, and said in perfect English, "What, in the name of goodness, is that child saying?"



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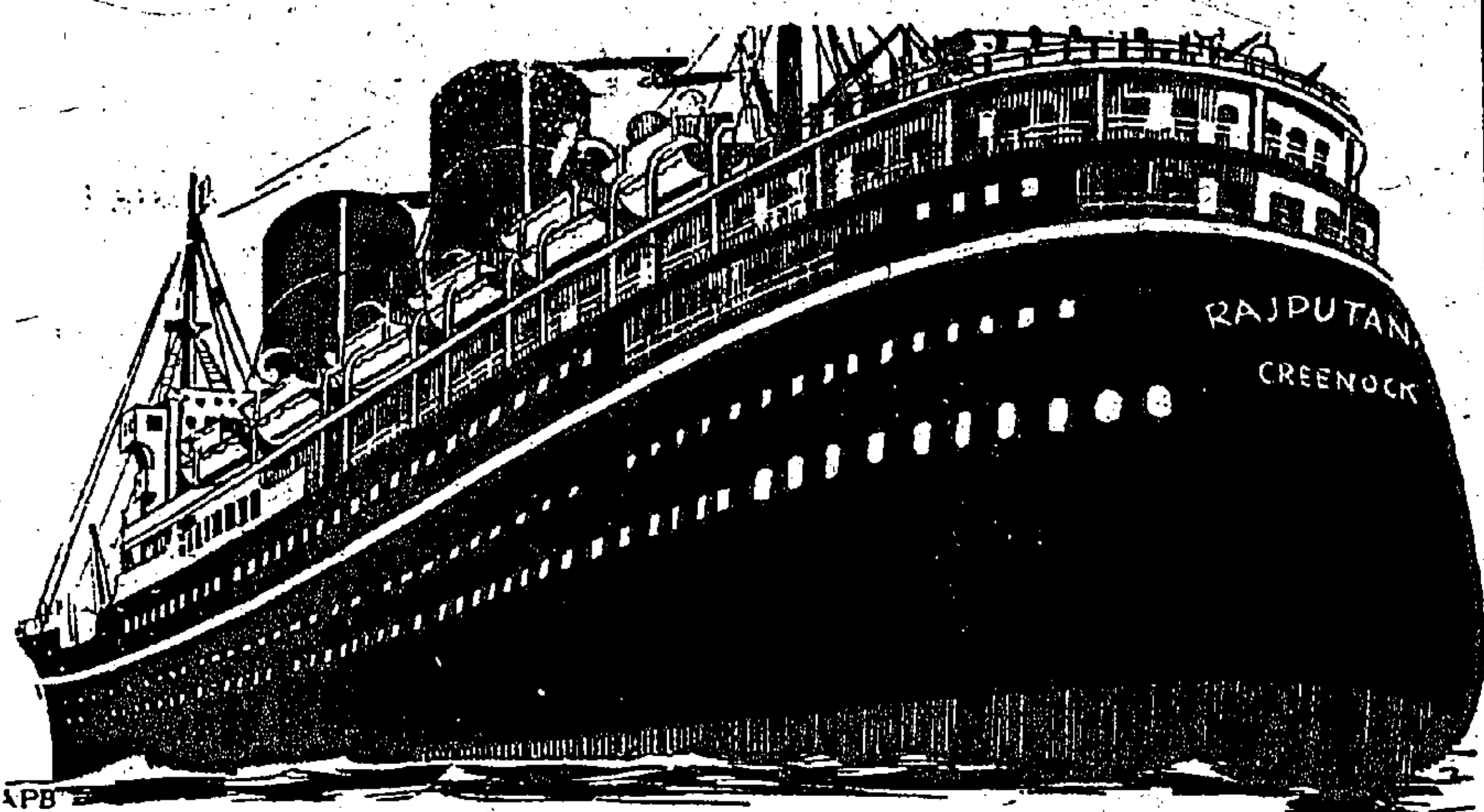
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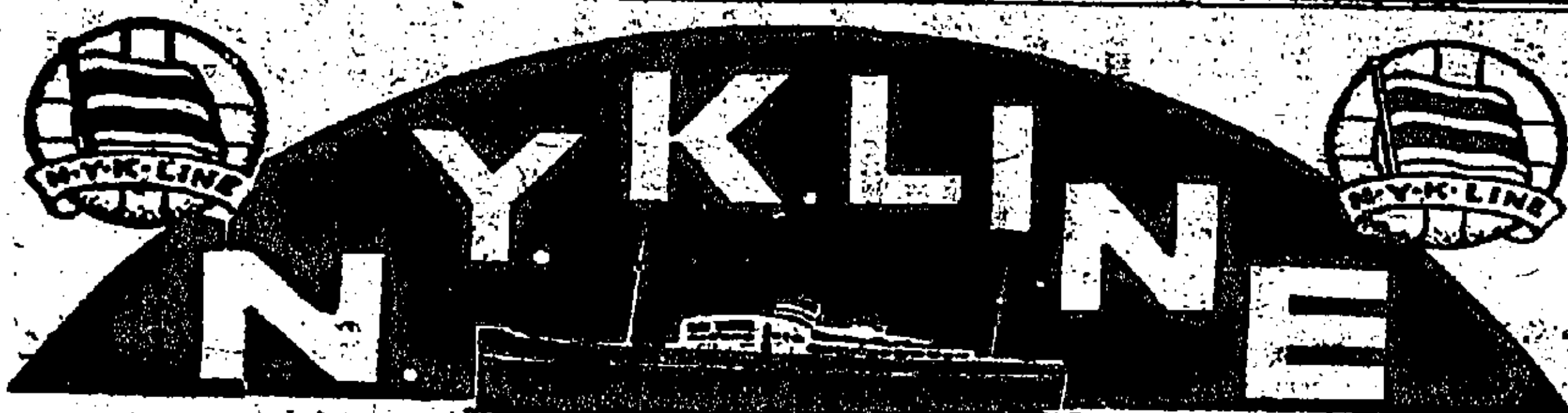
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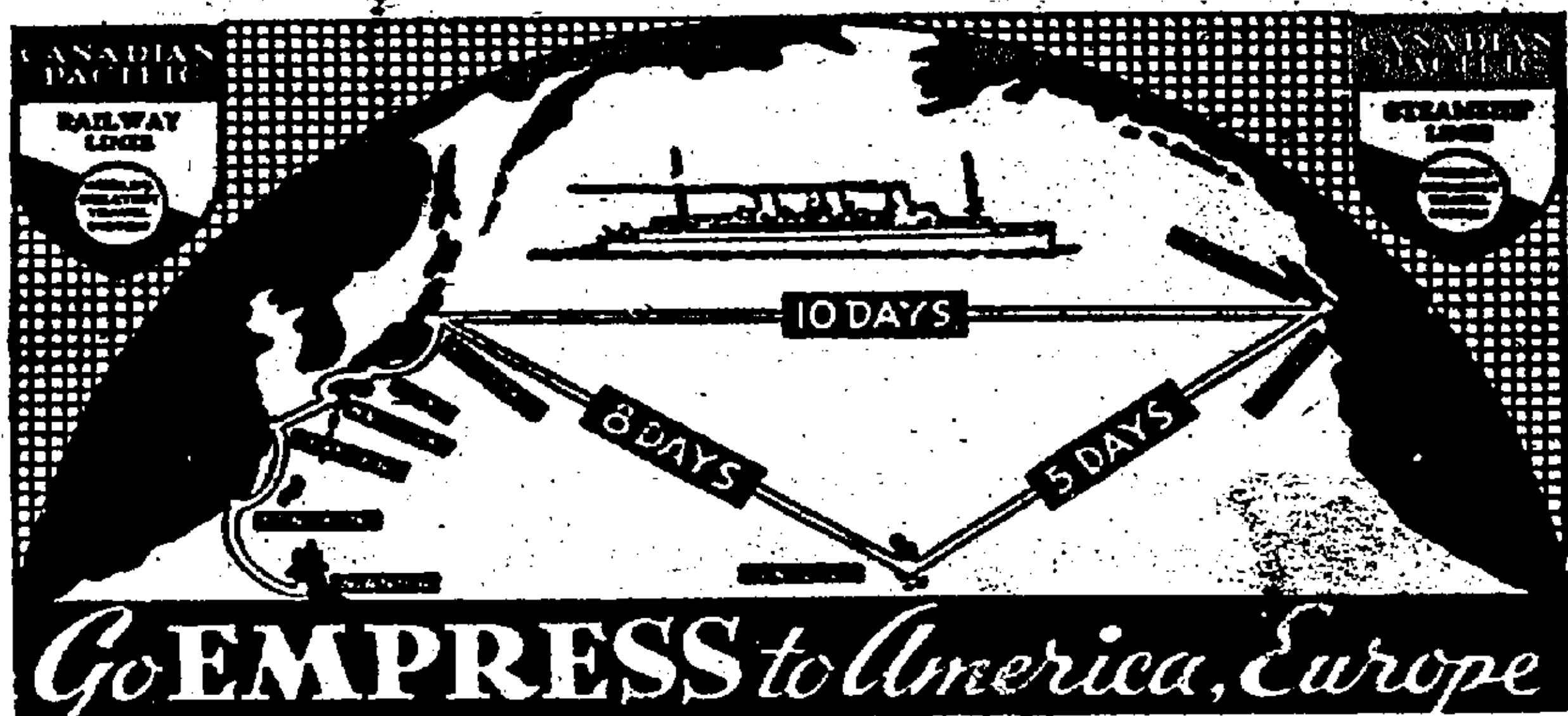
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TWENTY PER CENT. RISE IN H.K. FOOD PRICES

The Imports and Exports Department reports that according to an index constructed at the Statistical Office, wholesale prices in the Colony of Hong Kong during the year 1937 recorded general average increases of 27.2% as compared with 1936, 68.3% as compared with 1935, 43.3% as compared with 1934, 26.7% as compared with 1933 and 31.1% as compared with the base period of 1922.

The index number of Foodstuffs increased by 20.2% as compared with 1936, 59.5% as compared with 1935, and 36.2% as compared with the base period of 1922.

Textiles increased by 18.4% as compared with 1936, 58.6% as compared with 1935, and 17.7% as compared with 1922.

Metals and Minerals increased by 36.3% as compared with 1936, 83.1% as compared with 1935, and 46.1% as compared with 1922.

Miscellaneous Articles increased by 34.5% as compared with 1936; 72.1% as compared with 1935, and 24.4% as compared with 1922.

The following table shows the course of wholesale price changes since 1922:—

	1922	100	
	1935	1936	1937
Foodstuffs	35.4	148.3	125.2
Textiles	74.2	99.4	117.7
Metals and Minerals	79.8	107.2	146.1
Miscellaneous	72.3	92.5	124.4
Beans	78.7	121.4	145.4
Beef	128.0	161.1	188.9
Eggs	73.6	93.0	107.7
Flour (Wheat)	66.3	104.4	141.2
Salt Fish	113.9	97.5	106.9
Fruits, Fresh	201.5	256.2	310.0
Lard	82.7	113.2	146.2
Milk (Cond)	111.4	109.5	115.6
Mutton	118.7	172.7	183.7
Onions	48.6	94.4	94.9
Peanut Oil	84.7	131.3	151.3
Pork	77.3	97.3	151.9
Potatoes	60.4	88.0	102.8
Poultry	86.1	92.2	124.7
Rice (Broken)	68.6	103.0	133.0
Rice (White)	71.4	106.3	123.5
Sugar (Raw)	43.3	71.8	92.2
Vegetables (Dried)	46.6	55.5	56.1
Vermicelli	63.3	84.7	112.4

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/27s.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London yesterday at 20¼ and forward at 20.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$5.0010 and the New York on London rate £—U.S.\$5.00¼.

Sanitary Inspector Clarke has reported that while driving car No. 3761 in Queen's Road Central yesterday he knocked down a woman, Sui Chung, who was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

Course of nine public lectures on AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.

The Public is reminded that on account of the Chinese New Year Holiday there will be no lecture on Monday, the 31st of January, 1938.

Particular attention is invited to the following revised arrangements for the conclusion of this course. Lecture No. 8, which was to be given on Monday, the 7th February, 1938, is cancelled.

On that date the Medical Officer's house at the old Government Civil Hospital, which has been equipped as a model gas-proof and splinter-proof house, will be open to inspection by the public. A representative of the Royal Engineers will be in attendance at the house from 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

The concluding lecture of the course will be given by Colonel N.M.S. Smith, D.S.O., M.C., G.S.O.I., China Command, on Monday, the 14th of February, 1938, at 5.30 p.m. in the China Fleet Club Theatre. The subject of the lecture will be air raid precautions in general.

All lecturers who have taken part in this course will be in attendance on this occasion for the purpose of answering questions arising out of the previous lectures.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1485 b., \$1490/- 1500 sa.

Bank of East Asia \$82 b.

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Canton Ins. \$260 s.

China Underwriter \$1.40 b.

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Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co. have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

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RECREIO IN RUNNING FOR TITLE

(By "ADREM")

CHIEF interest in last week's Junior League cricket programme was centred in the match at King's Park between Navy and Craigenower on which it was thought, the season's honours would rest.

THE VALLEY TEAM VERY NEARLY GOT THEIR NOSES IN FRONT AND HAD NOT P. O. HUTLEY KEPT ONE END GOING THROUGHOUT THE NAVY INNINGS AND SCORED AN INVALUABLE 45 NOT OUT. THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THEY WOULD HAVE SUCCEEDED.

This match served to confirm the general opinion that Craigenower—all being equal—will be the ultimate winners of the shield, although I have heard it voiced that C. W. Lam, their skipper, would be advised to display a little more initiative and even risk defeat in going for victories!

Draws are of little or no use to teams out for championships.

Although they had much the better of Saturday's game, Craigenower were far from convincing. Taking due consideration for the accuracy of the Navy attack, led by Jeffery, and the size of the King's Park ground, 133 in something like two hours is far from fast scoring. I notice that Hung and Lim were the only two bats to come off and neither of them score fast so that probably accounts for it.

Apart from Hutley, Navy were never in the picture against steady bowling by Winch and Lam, but Craigenower just failed to dismiss

D. HUNG



Top-scorer against Navy for Craigenower.

them in the time at their disposal, although No. 11 was batting with Hutley at the closure.

VAST IMPROVEMENT

"A team improved beyond all recognition," describes University fairly accurately. I feel that their move in withdrawing from the Senior League and concentrating what talent they had available, in the Junior Division, has saved this side from total oblivion.

Graduation of most of their best performers at the end of last season, placed them in a precarious plight and had they tried to maintain a team in the First Division, it is more than possible that the long series of defeats which would most certainly have been their lot, may have completely wrecked their interest.

As it is, they came successfully through a lean period at the outset of the season and with various members of the team improving from game to game, they may yet find it possible to apply for promotion in the near future.

GOOD BATTING

Although their bowlers had a sorry time against the Police last Saturday, their batsman gave excellent displays and far from be-

ing daunted by a score of 198, which Police put up, they got to within 40 runs of this total with only 6 wickets down.

Chiefly responsible for the Police batting success, were Carey, with a hurricane 43, Loughlin (40) and J. L. Stephens (61). Unfortunately for Police, in view of his return to form, the latter sustained a back injury in the course of his innings which will necessitate him laying up for about three weeks.

K. S. Oh, K. L. Ng and C. H. Teoh made the bulk of the Undergraduates' score of 155 for 6, J. Tsui, having failed for once. Pope bowled very steadily but Baker, who took more wickets in this League than any other bowler last season, again failed.

FOURTH SUCCESSIVE DEFEAT!

Although they scored 142 for the loss of only one wicket, Junior Champions, Kowloon Cricket Club, suffered their fourth successive defeat, this time at the hands of Civil Service. Mulcahy scored at a cracking pace and was responsible for no fewer than 88 out of the total runs scored, while Baxter got a laborious 21.

I believe that Dand batted for an abnormal length of time for his 13 not out and put his side a long way behind the clock.

I imagine that no one was more surprised than K.C.C. at the ease with which Civil Service got these runs. Daniels made an undefeated 100 and McGowan scored 31 and the final total was 167 for 2. The eight K.C.C. bowlers who were tried, had a sorry time, only Hall and Luke meeting with any success.

RECREIO IN RUNNING

It is not generally realised, that Recreio are one of the teams in the running for the Championship. In actual fact, they have not dropped more points than either Navy or Craigenower, although they have played fewer games.

Their bowlers have served them so well in recent games that their victory over Army "B" on Saturday gave them their fourth successive win.

Batting first, the Army side were so tied down by the accurate bowling of the Gosano brothers, that they were forced to declare at about 4.15 with only 93 on the board, to which, W. T. Paterson, former Interport wicket-keeper, contributed no fewer than 40. L. G. Gosano took 4 for 30 in 13 overs and F. H.

CRICKET STATISTICS NEXT WEEK

Cricket Statistics on the First Division of the League will appear for the first time this season, in support of "ADREM'S" usual Wednesday cricket notes. Junior figures will be published on Friday.

Carvalho went on as a last resort and took 3 wickets with his slows.

FORMER STALWART

As usual, their early batsmen then all failed with the exception of "Polly" Xavier, a stalwart of the Portuguese team of some five years ago. He found his best form and batted with all his old-time confidence.

However, with 82 on the board, 7 wickets had fallen, and matters were looking pretty grim for Recreio. E. A. R. Alves then saved the situation and made up for his lack of bowling success, by hitting two fours and the match was won!

Army "A" fell from grace last week, when they were skittled out for 28 by Recreio and well and truly beaten. They came back with a rush against I. R. C. whom they beat comfortably at Sookunpoo by 4 wickets. Consistent bowling proved too much for the Indian batsman and apart from the youthful K. M. Rumjahn, they offered little resistance and were all out for 78.

These were knocked off for the loss of six wickets, thanks to Northcote, Bennett, Goodger and Eaton, against an ineffective I.R.C. attack and Army "A," although it must be admitted their title prospects are somewhat slim, still live to fight another day!

FORECAST POOL ON H.K. DERBY

A forecast pool will be conducted on The Hong Kong Derby, on all entered ponies, whether they subsequently start or not.

The pool, less Government betting tax and commission to the Club, will be divided equally among the nominators who forecast the first three ponies past the post in the Hong Kong Derby, in the correct order.

The cost of each Forecast will be:—

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Between 5 p.m. on Monday, 14th February, 1938 and 3 p.m. on Monday, 21st February, 1938 — \$5.

LEICESTER'S RUGBY DEFEAT BY AIR FORCE

London, To-day.—In a friendly senior Rugby game yesterday, Leicester were defeated at home by the Royal Air Force by a goal (5 points) to a try (3 points).—Reuter.

MONTHLY MEETING

The monthly meeting of the United Hockey Clubs will be held at the Police Training School on Tuesday, February 1, at 6.30 p.m.

COVENTRY LOSE AT HOME

London, To-day.

Two games were played in the Second Division of the English Football League yesterday and both provided major upsets.

Aston Villa, who are making a great bid to return to the First Division, suffered an unexpected setback at the hands of Blackburn Rovers, who won by the only goal in their home match, while at Coventry, the home team, who are level pegging with the Villa, were defeated by two clear goals by Bury. —Reuter.

Yesterday's results place the first three teams in the Second Division on level terms regarding games played and points secured.

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ISLINGTON CORINTHIANS' VISIT

COLONY SELECTORS SHOULD MAKE START IN PREPARATIONS

SEAFORTH PLAYERS STILL AVAILABLE

NO OUTSTANDING HALF-BACKS

(By "OUTSIDE-LEFT")

THE visit of the well-known Islington Corinthian soccer team, which is at present in Malaya, to the Colony, is not far distant and it is about time the Hong Kong Football Association made preparations for holding trials to select the Colony team.

NOW THAT THE INTERPORT WITH SHANGHAI IS DEFINITELY CANCELLED, THE VISIT OF THE ENGLISH TOURISTS WILL BE THE MAIN FEATURE OF THIS SOCCER SEASON, AND COLONY SELECTORS SHOULD MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT THEIR TEAM.

No one team in the League this season with the possible exception of South China "B", who are not yet defeated, can lay claims to consistency in form, and for this reason alone, the selection of a Colony side is a difficult one. We have, however, several of the old brigade to fall back upon, and of these at least four or five should find their way into the Colony side.

I think that what the Selectors should aim at is the best possible team the Colony can field, regardless of nationality, or whether the player is in the First, Second or Third Divisions of the League!

There are three or four goalkeepers in the Colony at the moment who can lay claim to a Colony trial, but of these I shall only consider Wong Wing and Hartley, as they have been in the eye recently, Wong Wing is returning to soccer in Monday's International Match.

OUR FULL-BACKS

The two full-backs to represent the Colony will be a difficult problem, as there are several schools of thought on these two men. One school of thought are of the opinion that Ulrich, of Kowloon, is at present the best back in the Colony but I think that this is stretching the imagination a little too far. My selection for the Probable backs are Lee Tin-sang and V. Costa, probably two of our most versatile defenders. For Possibles, give Ulrich a trial by all means, and partner him with Mak Shui-hon.

The Colony cannot claim at the moment to have any really outstanding half-backs, although Leung Wing-chiu, Beltraoa and Williamson should fill in the Probable line, with an equally strong Possible line in North, Bright and



Lee Kwok-wai, although I do not think that the latter will play.

PAST EXPERIENCES

In selecting the Colony attack there are several facts which must be considered. Past experiences and displays in major engagements are of vital importance and for this reason alone we can rule out Yeung Shui-yick, who failed badly against the last Shanghai Interport team when playing on the right wing for the Hong Kong Chinese. Tso Kwai-shing, despite being a veteran of many Interports is still our best right-winger, while none other than Fung King-cheong can and will probably fill the inside-right berth.

Calvert, of the Gunners, deserves a trial as leader of the attack while Saw, of the Middlesex, who has displayed brilliant form recently, and Bickford, are the logical choices for the left-wing combination.

TWO SUGGESTED TEAMS

Below I suggest the Probable and Possible teams for the first Colony trial (I sincerely hope that there will be more than one or two and suggest that the selected team be allowed to play together at least twice!):

PROBABLES

WONG WING (S. C. "A")
LEE TIN-SANG (S. C. "A")
V. COSTA (ST. JOSEPH'S)
LEUNG WING-CHIU (S. C. "A")
BELTRAO (ST. JOSEPH'S)
WILLIAMSON (SEAFORTH'S)
TSO-KWALSHING (S. C. "A")
FUNG KING-CHEONG (S. C. "A")
CALVERT (R. A.)
SAW (MIDDLESEX)
B. I. BICKFORD (CLUB)

POSSIBLES

G. HARTLEY (MIDDLESEX)
R.B. ULRICH (KOWLOON)
L.B. MAK SHUI-HON (S. C. "A")
R.H. R. NORTH (POLICE)
C.H. BRIGHT (MIDDLESEX)
L.H. LEE KWOK-WAI (S. C. "A")
O.R. PEARSON (MIDDLESEX)
I.R. A. W. LAND (R. ENGINEERS)
C.F. F. FOWLER (CLUB)
I.L. HOWLETT (POLICE)
O.L. LEE SHEK-YAU (S. C. "B")



GOLF STARTING TIMES

Fanling Pairings For Chinese New Year Holidays

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling during the holidays:—

SUNDAY Old Course	
9.12 a.m.	J. E. Potter, C. W. E. Bishop.
9.16 "	K. K. Rounds, A. E. Lissaman.
9.20 "	H. H. Mundy, B. J. B. Morahan.
9.24 "	J. B. Harrison, J. W. Reid.
9.28 "	N. K. Littlejohn, P. Low.
9.32 "	J. E. and J. L. C. Pearce.
9.36 "	C. H. Burton, R. Young.
9.40 "	I. H. Geare, E. T. McMullen.
9.44 "	S. H. Dodwell, K. S. Morrison.
9.48 "	G. E. Costello, P. A. Cox.
9.52 "	F. Marshall, T. A. Pearce.
9.56 "	W. F. Leckie, J. L. Bonnar.
10.00 "	H. A. Lammert, J. B. Stewart.
10.04 "	Col. Blake, Col. King.
10.08 "	W. L. Alexander, D. S. Edward.
10.12 "	R. L. D. Wodehouse, D. S. Robb.
10.16 "	N. L. Smith, I. Newton.
10.20 "	P. Morrison, N. P. Fox.
10.24 "	B. D. Evans, A. Sommerfelt.
10.28 "	S. C. Feltham, W. W. C. Shewan.
10.32 "	J. B. Mackie, A. I. Burnie.
10.36 "	W. N. A. Smalley, J. Harrop.
10.40 "	J. D. Danby, A. Murdoch.
10.44 "	Wing Cdr. Bishop, J. H. McElney.
10.48 "	P. Polglase, J. E. Richardson.
10.52 "	J. E. Jupp, O. J. Shannon.
10.56 "	J. L. Alabaster, V. R. Gordon.
11.00 "	R. W. Roberts, A. H. K. Cobb.
11.04 "	Parkes, McEwen.
11.08 "	W. G. Robertson, R. K. Valentine.

JOHN BROMWICH CAUSES YET ANOTHER SENSATION

Adelaide, To-day.
Donald Budge and John Bromwich will meet in the final of the Australian tennis championships. Bromwich yesterday caused a major sensation when he beat G. von Cramm 6-3, 7-5, 6-1, while Donald Budge beat Adrian Quist 6-4, 6-2, 8-6.
In the semi-finals of the women's singles, Miss Dorothy Stevenson beat Miss Nancy Wynne, the holder, 6-2, 6-3, and Miss Dorothy Bundy (U.S.) beat Mrs. Hopman 6-2, 6-3. — Reuter Bulletin.

New Course	
9.16 a.m.	A. D. Humphreys*, G. S. Hugh Jones*
9.24 "	Comdr. Hole*, G. W. Sewell*
9.32 "	F. Groves*, J. Stenersen*
9.36 "	R. Stock*, J. Petrie*
9.40 "	R. S. Johnson*, J. B. H. Leckie*
9.48 "	G. and Mrs. Castle.
9.52 "	J. B. Martin*, R. G. Gray*
9.56 "	H. J. Armstrong, Col. Matthews.
10.04 "	Mrs. Blake, Miss Goodrich.
10.08 "	W. H. Way*, N. D. Lloyd*
10.12 "	Mrs. Robb, Mrs. Wodehouse.
10.20 "	W. A. and Mrs. Cornell.
10.28 "	R. H. Challinor, B. Rolfe.
10.36 "	Mrs. Smalley, Miss Curtin.
10.44 "	Mrs. Challinor, Mrs. Rolfe.
10.52 "	Mrs. Jupp, Mrs. Shannon.
11.04 "	Mrs. Valentine, Mrs. Robertson.
11.12 "	Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Redmond.
11.24 "	Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.

MONDAY Old Course	
9.12 a.m.	I. H. Geare, S. H. Dodwell.
9.16 "	K. K. Rounds, L. R. Crammer.
9.20 "	V. R. Gordon, J. R. Collis.
9.24 "	W. H. Way, K. R. Quick.

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SECRETS OF CRICKET SUCCESS

HOW BRAINS LEAD BOWLERS TO VICTORY

MURDOCH'S EXAMPLE NOBLE'S HEAD WORK AND THE GUILF OF O'REILLY

(By J. C. DAVIS)

Sydney, November 25.

MR. JOHN TOOHER, who celebrated his ninety-second birthday last week, was a spectator at the New Zealand match on Saturday. The president of the New South Wales Cricket Association, Mr. Sydney Smith, congratulated the veteran and wished him good health and happiness, with a century to cap it all. It was nice to see this little gesture.

As we watched the play, Mr. Toher remarked that one difference in batting between his time and to-day was the manner of the cutting. "The back-cut is all right," he said. "They go back with the right foot and get over the ball to make it. That is in keeping with the Murdoch-Grace regime."

"But I have noticed that some of them now also go across with the right foot for the square-cut. They ought to move across with the left to execute that stroke."

That he was able to notice this blemish in footwork by one or two batsmen shows how closely Mr. Toher dissected technical angles in the batting of the moment.

Later in the afternoon I mentioned this matter to another hardy veteran who witnessed the champions play in Murdoch's day. He remarked: "It is true. Murdoch's square cut was graceful and clever, with the ball often taking a curve away from the fieldsman. To make it Murdoch always threw the left foot across to the off-side."

NOT VERY ORTHODOX

That, of course, is what the present day champions do. But some, who are not yet champions do not so closely adhere to orthodox soundness in this particular stroke.

Andrew Ratcliffe, who keeps wickets for New South Wales, and has had the honour of making his century in the colours of the State, is mainly associated with the Glebe. At one period he kept wickets for Paddington. In discussing the matter of "brains" as mentioned when quoting Spofforth on bowling, Andy unfolded a remarkable illustration of it.

M. A. Noble was captaining Paddington against Glebe at Jubilee Oval. He had just inveigled a batsman to his doom. As the next man emerged through the gate to the playing field, M.A.N. said to Andy, who was wicketkeeper that day, "Is this Paddy Gray?"

"Yes," replied Andy.

Paddy loved to have a dip at the ball.

DON'S WISH FOR THE NEW YEAR

Sydney, December 30. — Asked his New Year wish, Bradman replied: "I should like to be chosen to play in the Test matches against England!"

"There was a nor'-east wind, and M.A.N. had been bowling into it that remarkable finger-spin outer swerve which saw the ball, after pitching, break back from the direction opposite to the swerve."

"M.A.N. said to me, 'I'll bowl the first two balls straight at the wicket, and he'll play them back to me. Look out for the third. It will be the slow, and as he comes forward to it, the ball swerve away from him to the off. He'll miss it, and then look out for stumping.'"

JUST WHAT DID HAPPEN

"That is what he said to me, and it was exactly what happened," said Andy. "I slumped Paddy off that third ball—the slow, swerving away from him and then breaking back to me."

The great bowlers of that period had what Spofforth termed, brains in bowling.

Not so many in first-class cricket have it to anything like the degree cultivated on the best wickets by M. A. Noble and one or two of his contemporaries. W. J. O'Reilly has it. And so has C. V. Grimmett.

THERE IS NOTHING OF THE TRUST-TO-LUCK ABOUT SUCH BOWLERS. TO THEM IT IS AN ABSORBING STUDY OF THEIR OWN POWERS AND THE STRENGTH, WEAKNESS, AND TENDENCIES OF THE BATSMAN.

DISTRESSING FORTUNES

When Spofforth was in England in 1886 with the Australian Eleven, he had the fourth finger on the right hand injured stopping a hard return by Lord Harris, who was batting against him. The finger was broken. This had a distressing effect on the fortunes of the team for a considerable period.

The "Pall Mall Gazette" in discussing this misfortune said: "Thousands of amateurs in cricket to-day are thinking about that broken finger, for it will be a very unfortunate affair if the supple figure and long arm of the demon bowler are no longer to be seen in the contests of the next few weeks. Spofforth draws a big gate, and Spofforth opposed to 'W.G.' is a sight that keen folks would go hundreds of miles to see."

SATANIC GLAMOUR

"There is a satanic glamour about this Mephistopheles of cricket, which, perhaps, has never surrounded any other cricketer. He is a demon and, as such, has penetrated the imagination of the millions." The foregoing was something for an English writer to say, seeing

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRIES EXTENDED ONE MORE WEEK

Lack Of Support Will Result In Cancellation Of Events

The Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Badminton Association informed us this morning that it has been decided to extend the closing date for the Colony Championships for one more week, until next Friday. Unless adequate support is forthcoming during the coming week, the Colony Championships will not take place.

At the moment, six entries have been received for the Men's Singles, two for the Mixed Doubles and two for the Men's Doubles.

RAJPUT RIFLES AND POLICE IN HOCKEY EXHIBITION

Hockey sections of the Hong Kong Police and Rajputana Rifles have arranged to mix their players and engage in an exhibition game on the Hong Kong Hockey Club ground to-day at 4.45 p.m.



that W. G. Grace was THE man of England then.

PEOPLE TO-DAY ARE INCLINED TO THINK THAT THE MANNER IN WHICH DON BRADMAN DOMINATES THE PUBLIC MIND IS UNPRECEDENTED.

Here we had a bowler fifty years ago unwittingly exerting a similar effect upon the public. That older public in both England and Australia was, perhaps, much more discriminating and conversant with the fine points in cricket and in a cricketer than the public is now.

IT IS NOT ACCIDENTAL

The same influence was exerted upon the public mind by Victor Trumper. In Sydney on a Saturday afternoon, he used to fill the ground on which he played. And he did not often disappoint them.

This magnetism and success won by the man are not accidental. Spofforth attained his altitudes as a bowler only after endless thought, experiment, and study. Not many bowlers in first-class cricket in these enlightened days give that very close study to their specialty. W. J. O'Reilly is the one outstanding exception among those who bowl faster than slow.

SECRET OF HIS SUCCESS

Spofforth was once asked the secret of his success. He replied: "It is no secret, but please don't ask me." However, he ventured the view that the first duty of the bowler is to lead the batsman astray by never allowing him to guess what is coming. "I may send down a very quick ball, and the next may be correspondingly slow. Therein, I consider, lies any power I may have as a bowler," said The Demon.

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Australian Test Team For England Selected

OLDFIELD OMITTED

Sydney, To-day.

There are only four newcomers among the 16 players selected to represent Australia against England in the Test Cricket series this year in England.

The players invited to make the tour are as follows:

D. G. Bradman (S.A.), Captain.
S. J. McCabe (N.S.W.), Vice-Captain.

C. L. Badcock (S.A.).

*S. Barnes (N.S.W.).

B. A. Barnett (Victoria).

W. A. Brown (Queensland).

A. G. Chipperfield (N.S.W.).

J. H. Fingleton (N.S.W.).

L. Fleetwood-Smith (Victoria).

*A. L. Hassett (Victoria).

*E. S. White (N.S.W.).

E. L. McCormick (Victoria).

F. A. Ward (S.A.).

C. W. Walker (S.A.).

W. J. O'Reilly (N.S.W.).

*M. G. Waite (S.A.).

*Newcomers.

—Reuter.

The Australian authorities, in keeping with their policy of giving every encouragement to the younger element, have again obviously selected their team with an eye to the future.

Thus we find W. J. O'Reilly, the New South Wales stock bowler, at the age of 33, the "Father of the Team." Despite a certain amount of dissatisfaction regarding his management of the team in the last series, Don Bradman, was really the only logical choice for skipper and he will be understudied by the brilliant young Stan McCabe.

OLDFIELD OMITTED

English crowds will greatly miss that popular personality, wicket-keeper W. A. Oldfield, one of the most brilliant stumpers of all time. He is omitted from an Australian Test Team for the first time since the war.

In the course of the present Australian season, there has also been a great deal of conjecture as to whether the evergreen C. V. Grimmitt, always at least half as good again on the soft English wickets, would be invited. As already stated, Australia's policy of looking to the future, evidently weighed against such a step.

The new men are S. Barnes, New South Wales, A. L. Hassett, Victoria, E. S. White, New South Wales, and M. G. Waite, South Australia.

PROMISING BATSMEN

Barnes and Hassett are batsmen of considerable promise, White a left-handed bowler, while Waite is a protege of Clarence Grimmitt, and is extremely highly thought of by that master of spin.

As usual Australia will be well served in the run-getting department. Led by Bradman and McCabe, there are Badcock, Brown, Chipperfield, Fingleton, Barnes and Hassett, with the exception of the last two, all tried performers in international cricket.

J. H. Fingleton, who batted with such consistency against Allen's team last year, is certain to be one of the opening pair, but there has been a great deal of conjecture as to who will be his partner. W. A. Brown, about whose selection there was once a great deal of doubt in view of his passive methods and the fact that Test

matches in England are time-governed, is one possibility, while the other possibility is C. L. Badcock.

Unless one of the new men is capable of opening—to my knowledge they are happiest at No. 4—two of the three, above-mentioned are almost certain to open.

THE ATTACK

McCormick will have to bear the brunt of the shock attack, with fast-medium, Stan McCabe to assist him. White and Chipperfield, the former left-handed, are medium paced, Waite and Ward are slow, while Fleetwood-Smith bowls left-handed googlies.

Walker, who has understudied Oldfield behind the sticks on numerous occasions, will probably keep wicket, with Barnett in reserve.

A fine well-balanced team which is certain to do all they can to retain the "ashes" they had to fight so hard for in the last series.

THE TEST PROGRAMME

The programme for the 1938 Tests is as follows:—

First Test at Nottingham, June 10-15.

Second Test at Lord's, June 24-29.

Third Test at Old Trafford, July 8-13.

Fourth Test at Leeds, July 22-27.

Fifth Test at The Oval, August 20-25.—Reuter.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

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9.28	"	H. A. Mills, C. C. Willson.
9.32	"	G. W. Sewell, F. C. Frederick.
9.36	"	T. Low, T. R. Chassels.
9.40	"	A. H. Penn, A. C. I. Bowker.
9.44	"	H. E. the Governor.
9.48	"	A. H. K. Cobb, J. W. Alabaster.
9.52	"	H. F. Forsyth, A. S. Adamson.
9.56	"	R. K. Valentine, W. M. Barton.
10.00	"	C. M. Gee, O. J. Shannon.
10.04	"	G. F. Rees, N. Garland.
10.08	"	R. Stock, E. G. Smith Wright.
10.12	"	R. L. D. Wodehouse, A. N. Hughes.
10.16	"	J. A. D. Morrison, K. S. Morrison.
10.20	"	S. C. Feltham, F. D. Angus.
10.24	"	F. Groves, J. Stenersen.
10.28	"	W. Hewitt, W. G. Robertson.
10.32	"	H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
10.36	"	F. H. Crapnell, H. F. Sommers.
10.40	"	E. T. McMullen, P. H. Scoones.
10.44	"	J. H. B. Lee, T. Megarry.
10.48	"	F. C. Young, G. T. May.
10.52	"	J. A. R. Selby, D. J. S. Crozier.
10.56	"	A. Morse, T. E. Pearce.
11.00	"	G. R. Razavet, J. C. Dunbar.
11.04	"	H. G. Sheldon, F. A. Redmond.
11.08	"	L. Goldman, C. W. E. Bishop.
11.12	"	H. A. Browning, R. G. Gray.
11.16	"	Wing Cdr. Bishop, B. J. E. Morahan.
11.20	"	J. B. Mackie, I. P. Tamworth.
New Course		
9.20 a.m.	"	W. N. A. and Mrs. Smalley.
9.28	"	A. V. and Mrs. Greaves.
9.36	"	J. A. V. Hart Davies, B. Stork.
9.40	"	Miss Crapnell, Miss Smith.
9.48	"	D. L. Stock, J. M. S. Lloyd.
9.56	"	G. and Mrs. Castle.
10.04	"	R. H. Challinor, H. C. Margrett.
10.08	"	Mrs. Challinor, Mrs. Margrett.
10.16	"	Mrs. Wodehouse, Mrs. Garner.
10.24	"	Mrs. Robertson, Miss Tulloh.
10.28	"	A. S. Mitchell, G. S. Archbutt.
10.32	"	Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.



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10.40	"	Mrs. Crapnell, Mrs. Sommers.
10.52	"	Mrs. Crozier, Mrs. Selby.
10.56	"	Mrs. Razavet, Mrs. Dunbar.
TUESDAY		
Old Course		
9.12 a.m.	"	H. H. Mundy, A. D. Humphreys.
9.16	"	R. S. Johnson, I. P. Tamworth.
9.20	"	K. K. Rounds, K. S. Morrison.
9.24	"	F. C. Young, W. N. A. Smalley.
9.28	"	N. K. Littlejohn, H. N. Williamson.
9.32	"	W. W. C. Shewan, C. N. E. Bishop.
9.36	"	I. H. Geare, O. E. C. Marton.
9.40	"	R. Young, G. M. Park.
9.44	"	J. A. D. Morrison, J. Hall.
9.48	"	R. Hancock, A. Morse.
9.52	"	J. R. Masson, J. W. Fisher.
9.56	"	G. C. Worrall, J. W. Platt.
10.00	"	A. Sommerfelt, W. M. Barton.
10.04	"	J. B. Mackie, E. G. Smith Wright.
10.08	"	H. S. Hills, P. S. Cassidy.
10.12	"	F. H. Crapnell, Col. Matthews.
10.16	"	H. E. the Governor.
10.20	"	R. E. H. Nelson, R. G. Gray.
10.24	"	H. A. Browning, S. A. Sleep.
10.28	"	R. E. Lindsell, I. Newton.
10.32	"	G. Miskin, T. E. Pearce.
10.36	"	G. A. Stewart, D. S. Robb.
10.40	"	D. S. Edward, A. E. Lissaman.
10.44	"	F. Groves, J. Stenersen.
10.48	"	H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
10.52	"	C. A. King, D. A. O'Kieffe.
10.56	"	E. Laidlaw, K. R. Quick.
11.00	"	Col. King, Major MacDonald.
New Course		
9.20 a.m.	"	Mrs. Mundy, Mrs. Humphreys.
9.24	"	E. J. R. Mitchell, R. L. D. Wodehouse.
9.28	"	W. Sharp, J. B. H. Leckie.
9.36	"	L. M. S. Lloyd, J. H. M. Andrew.
9.40	"	H. A. Lammert, J. L. Bonnar.
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9.52	"	Mrs. Smalley, Miss Curtin.
10.04	"	Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Robertson.
10.12	"	J. A. V. Hart Davies, P. D. Munro.
10.20	"	Mrs. Crapnell, Mrs. Matthews.
10.28	"	Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Overy.
10.36	"	Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Lissaman.

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12 noon.—Relay of a service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Elgar—Enigma Variations, Op. 36—B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Greta Keller and the London Palladium Orchestra.
Blue Devil's March (Williams, Arr. Lotter).
Through Night to Light (Laukien).
Have You Forgotten So Soon? (Nicholls, Gilbert).
Did You Mean It? (Dixon, Greer).
Greta Keller with Fred Hartley & his Quintet.
Animal Antics—Novelty Intermezzo (Wark). (Conduct. by Willi E. Pethers).
Amina (Lincke). Orchestra.
The Laugh Was on Me (Carter).
Greta Keller.
Lightning Switch (Alford).
Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press; Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Essie Ackland and Piccaver.

Serenata (Braga).
O Peaceful England (Merrie England). Essie Ackland.
Wait (D'Hardelot).
Love is Mine (Sartner). Piccaver.
1.53 p.m.—New Dance Records.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—Dance Music.
7.30 p.m.—Ina Souez (Soprano).
Love, I Give You My All (From Luana).
Always (From Puritan Lullaby).
My Hero (From the Chocolate Soldier).
7.40 p.m.—Helena Mandell (Cello).
Acc. by Lindsay A. Lafford.
1. Sonata (Willem Defesch).
2. Chanson Triste (Tschalkowsky).
3. Danse Rustique (Squire).
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal & Weather Report.
8.03 p.m.—Herbert Janssen (Baritone).
Devotion.
All Souls' Day (Strauss).
Night (Strauss).
8.10 p.m.—London Relay—"Food For

Thought." Three short talks on matters of tropical interest.
8.30 p.m.—Studio—Nura Kanis (Piano).
1. Twelve Variations on a Russian Dance Tune (Beethoven).
2. Nocturne in C Minor (Chopin).
3. Mazurka in F Sharp Minor (Chopin).
8.48 p.m.—Grieg—Peer Gynt Suite No. 2.
Ingrid's Lament, Arabian Dance, The Return of Peer Gynt, Solveig's Song.
9.05 p.m.—Variety.
Rehearsing A Lullaby (Hoffman).
Seein' Is Believin' (Ager).
Les Allen with Carroll Givvons and his Boy Friend.
You Have That Extra Something (Ellis).
I'm a Fool for Loving You (Wendling).
Frances Day (Soprano).
An Old Flame. John Henry with Gladys Horridge.
Fox-trots.
Ten Pretty Girls.
They're Tough Mighty Tough in the West. Nat Gonella and His Georgians.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Orchestral.
Waltz of the Hours ("Coppelia") (Delibes). Symphony Orch. cond. by Schmalstich.
"Khovantchina"—Persian Dances (Moussorgsky). London Symphony Orch. cond. by Albert Coates.
10.05 p.m.—La Boheme—Acts 1 and 2 (Puccini). Rossetta Pamparini, Luigi Marini, Gino Vanelli, Tancredi Pasero, Aristide Baracchi, Salvatore Baccaloni, Giuseppe Nelli, and full chorus and Orchestra of La Scala, Milan.
11 p.m.—Close down.

G.M.T.
8.15 a.m.—Big Ben. 'At the Black Dog'.
8.45 a.m.—'Dancing Time'.
9.15 a.m.—'Lines on the Map'—1: Communications by Land.
9.50 a.m.—Next Week's Programmes.
10.00 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 10.15 a.m.
10.25 a.m.—Close Down.

TRANSMISSION 2

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GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)

10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. 'The House in the Country'.
11.30 a.m.—Gracie Fields.
11.45 a.m.—Sea Shanties.
12.10 p.m.—'Food for Thought'.
12.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
1.05 p.m.—'Topical Talks for Seamen'.
1.20 p.m.—Next Week's Programmes.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.55 p.m.—Close Down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—

GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSH 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)
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1.55 p.m.—Opening Announcements.
2.00 p.m.—Big Ben. The BBC Empire Orchestra.
3.00 p.m.—'I've Been Told'—1. A talk.
3.15 p.m.—The Carlton Hotel Orchestra.
3.30 p.m.—'Lines on the Map'—1: Communication by Land.
4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—Next Week's Programmes.
4.30 p.m.—'How Table Mountain Got its Cloud.' A legend of South Africa.
5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Opening Bids

To-day we will discuss opening bids of one, two and three no-trumps. These bids, as well as all no-trumps bids at later stages of the bidding, should convey definite and precise messages to your partner.

In 1933 we selected certain high card limits for these bids, and have found no reason to change them since. They are as follows:—

The opening one no-trumps bid is made with a high card value of 11½ to 13, or approximately 4-4½ quick tricks.

The opening two no-trumps bid is approximately one ace above the requirements for a one no-trumps, i.e., high card value 14½-16 or 5-5½ quick tricks.

The opening three no-trumps is approximately one king above the requirements for two no-trumps, i.e., high card value 16½-18, or 5½-6½ quick tricks.

In addition to falling within these high card limits, in order for a hand to qualify for an opening no-trumps bid it must possess two other characteristics:

(1) The distribution must be either 4-3-3-3, 4-4-3-2 or 5-3-3-2. With any other distribution the hand is sufficiently unbalanced, so that it will be advisable to open the bidding with a suit.

(2) If you have a doubleton, that is the suit the opponents are most likely to attack against a no-trumps contract. Hence, your doubleton must include either the ace or the king.

If a hand does not fulfil all these requirements it should never be bid originally in no-trumps. If it does, it should always be bid originally in no-trumps. If these principles are adhered to rigidly no player will find any difficulty whatsoever in developing the bidding, following an opening bid of one, two or three no-trumps.

(3) The normal number of honours for an opening no-trumps is seven. When holding less than seven honours, you should not bid one, two or three no-trumps if your hand is in the minimum range for that bid, while, when holding more than seven honours, you may reduce your requirements slightly.

The next bid to consider is the

opening bid of two in a suit. This is the strongest opening you can make, and absolutely forces your partner to continue the bidding to a game contract unless the opponents defend and you decide instead to double them for penalty. The opening two-bid should fulfil three requirements:

(1) A high card value so substantial that you are afraid that if you bid only one, everybody will pass. The normal minimum should be 13 points, or 4½ quick tricks, although this may be shaded to 11 points or four tricks in the event of freak distribution.

(2) The hand must be one which you wish to play at game irrespective of what partner holds. Accordingly, your playing strength should put your own hand within one trick of game.

(3) Finally, the hand should show distinct slam possibilities.

The following examples will show the proper treatment with various strong hands:—

Example A:

S.—A K Q 10 x
H.—A K Q J x
D.—x x
C.—x

High card value 12½-4 quick tricks plus. Open with two spades; fulfils all three requirements.

Example B:

S.—A K Q J 10 x x x x
H.—x
D.—x
C.—x

Open with one spade. Your hand answers requirement No. 2 (you want to play it at game), but partner might contract for a slam with a fine hand but only one ace, and there is no fear that an opening bid of one will be passed around the table.

Example C:

S.—A K x
H.—A Q x
D.—A Q x
C.—A J 10 x

High card value 16½ with nine honours—six quick tricks plus. Open with three no-trumps. Remember, when a hand meets all requirements for one, two or three no-trumps, you make that bid in preference to a suit.

BROADCAST FROM DAVENTRY

TRANSMISSION 1

Frequencies—

GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
GSD 11.75 Mc/s (25.53 m.)
GSB 9.51 mc/s (31.55 m.)

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Hong Kong, 26th January, 1938.

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By order of the Board of Directors.

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Hong Kong, 26th January, 1938.

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TOKYO TO SEEK TRADE TREATY WITH AMERICA

Tokyo, To-day.

The Minister of Commerce and Industry announced yesterday that he would negotiate reciprocal trade agreements with the United States and Germany.

He declared that with every market in the world enclosing itself within high tariff walls, Japan had no alternative in concluding barter agreements.

According to semi-official sources, marked progress is being made by the Minister's subordinates in preparations for establishment of an economic affairs bureau within the Ministry.

Staffed by officials of the Ministries of War, Navy and Commerce and Industry, the bureau will devote attention to ensuring smooth distribution of munitions and war materials.—Reuter.

ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERS

Lo Chui and Wong Kan-hing, both unemployed, who were arrested yesterday in connection with the armed robbery at No. 4, Tai On Terrace on Monday, were this morning charged before Mr. R. Edwards. They were remanded for 24 hours and will be brought up to-morrow

JAPAN'S PLAN FOR CHINA EXPLOITATION

Tokyo, To-day.

Special semi-official concerns will be organised by the Japanese Government to participate in economic rehabilitation of Central and North China.

Such firms, the Foreign Minister revealed in the Diet yesterday, will be charged with the task of carrying out plans for Sino-Japanese economic co-operation.

It is stated that no decision has yet been made by the Government regarding operation of public utilities in China.

These may either be managed by the State or by State-controlled private enterprises.

Mr. Hirota declared that a special effort would be made to ensure development of public utilities benefits both to China and Japan.

Replacing Mr. Hirota on the rostrum, the Finance Minister said that the Japanese Government would actively assist the newly established Peiping regime in replacing banknotes in circulation with new currency.—Reuter.

with Ng Kwok-ping.

Both defendants are also charged in connection with an attempted armed robbery at No. 250, Hollywood Road on January 22.

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NEW LABOUR STATUTE FOR FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

The French Cabinet was engaged yesterday in giving final form to the text of the new Labour Statute, before submitting it to the Chamber by the end of this week.

Later in the day, the Premier, M. Camille Chautemps, gave a radio address on the object and significance of the new Charter.

The bill will consist of six sections dealing with employment and dismissal of workers, status of workers' delegates, legal status of strikes, conciliation and arbitration procedure, collective labour agreements and employment bureaux.—Trans-Ocean.

CHINESE PRESSURE AT TSINING

Hsuechow, To-day.

The city of Tsining is still desperately held by the Japanese in spite of the heavy Chinese onslaught, according to the latest message reaching here.

Fighting is continuing around the suburbs, where the Chinese have recaptured several strategic points.

A Chinese communique claims the recovery of the Tungkwang District after a severe battle in which heavy casualties were inflicted on the Japanese.—Hua Nan.

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